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Pres. Egbert J. Brown
and Sister Elva Brown
of the Scottish Mis-
sion.



Introducing the Scottish Mission

BROWN

by Elder Kirk Bennett

★ Egbert J. Brown seems to have discovered some secret process for squeezing 30 hours into a 24-hour day. There is no other way to explain the prodigious activity of the man. He has been the mayor of Mesa, Arizona where the serious business of municipal government, coupled with the time-consuming chores of ribbon cutting and celebrity greeting, takes up many hours each week. He has been the president of the East Mesa Stake of the Church, president of the Roosevelt Council Boy Scouts of America, president of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns as

well as a member of the board of directors of the Arizona Bank. He was appointed Atomic Energy Commissioner by the governor of Arizona. Pres. Brown is co-owner of Brown & Hoeye Chevrolet Company in Mesa, Arizona.

Pres. Brown grew up on a farm attended Arizona State University, and studied accounting by correspondence. He started his career in his father's garage in Mesa earning around £7 per week. When he was called to be a Bishop of the Fifth Ward in Mesa he declared "That was probably the biggest turning point of my life. It taught

me that no man can lead a truly balanced and happy life if he devotes all of his time to business. I started giving many hours to my Church each week and from there I went on to give other hours to scouting, to the Lions Club and finally to the government of my city. To my surprise, I found that despite all the times I gave to my Church and civic work, I was becoming a more effective business man besides."

His wife Elva, keeps almost as busy as President Brown. She is a devoted worker in the Church and while at home was an enthusiastic bowler and took care of the Brown's new home.

THE 23rd PSALM

written in broad Scots and found in a
very old paper

by George C. and Maisie Liston

The Lord to me's a 'herd indeed,
I sanna want for ony gweed.
He mak's me lie on reif o'green,
Whaur peacefu' waters aye are seen.

He purifies my soul frae sin,
Sets me upon my feet to rin
On the richt road, He dis it flake,
To keep me safe for His name's sake.

I winna fear when he is near,
Tho' death an' darkness roun' me veer:
The darkest nicht wi him is clear,
His rod will guide, His staff will cheer.

Tho' I'm wi' enemies set roun',
He loads my table up an' doon:
My heid wi' oil He dis weel weet,
My cup's aye lippin' fu's ye see't.

He's gweed an' mercifu' to me,
Thro' life I ne'er doot but He'll be;
Sine in His ain house He'll keep me
For time and for eternity.

They are the parents of three sons and one daughter and have 16 grandchildren.

Their family increased extensively, however, when they arrived in Scotland to preside over the Scottish Mission in June of 1966. They now have 200 adopted sons and daughters, the Elders and Sisters of the Scottish Mission. The missionaries are proud to call them mission parents.



Gospel Brought to Scots During Winter of 1839

★ The Gospel of Jesus Christ was brought to the mighty Scots in the winter of 1839 by Elder James Mulliner and Alexander Wright. Each had joined the Church there and had then emigrated to America. Elder Mulliner stopped in Edinburgh to see his parents and to begin systematic proselyting. Elder Wright went further north to where his family lived in a memorable episode of courage. No boats operated that season so, poorly fed and clothed, he walked all the way. He slept some of the nights in the open. He was repeatedly troubled by illness which a chemist diagnosed as small pox. He delayed only two days and then continued, bearing his testimony on the way. Strangely enough, when he arrived at his former home, he was completely well.

Elder Mulliner baptised the first Scottish family on January 14, 1840. Five days later at the confirmation service he received the gift of tongues, a divine approbation of the Gospel beginnings in Scotland.

By the time Orson Pratt arrived in May, Scotland had 80 Latter-day Saints. The morning after he first saw Edinburgh he did a remarkable thing. He climbed a jutting hill not far away (some still refer to it as "Pratt's Hill") and importuned the Lord to give him 200 souls in baptism. Then he worked. When six months later he



Holyrood Palace, named "Arthur's seat" but is commonly known as "Pratt's hill" by the missionaries.

attended the mission conference in Manchester, he reported over 250 members in the Edinburgh area.

Then the apostles came. Ultimately there were eight there at one time. John Taylor and Wilford Woodruff came first. They had left behind their destitute families and were both ill, scarcely able to walk. This was the beginning of the Scottish Mission.

Scotland was part of the British Mission and as that expanded it became a district of the North British Mission. There were only 12 missionaries in this district. On December 22, 1960, Pres. Brockbank, then the president of the North British Mission was informed by the First Presidency that he was to form the Scottish-Irish Mission and became the new mission president.

The work progressed and in 1962 the Scottish and Irish missions were formed from the Scottish-Irish Mission. The Scottish Mission continued until it was also divided that same year into the Scottish and the North Scottish Missions. The mission went forward with many baptisms and the building of several chapels. When the Glasgow Stake was formed the North Scottish and Scottish missions were again combined into the Scottish Mission as it remains today. It has a compliment of nine missionary sisters, 6 couples and 161 elders. There are sixteen new buildings in Scotland. The work continues to progress.



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Reformer- John Knox

★ Scotland has a rich and colourful history one, that if proper treatment of it were given here, would take more space than can be allotted at this time. Therefore much of that which is printed in this issue pertains more to the spiritual than the temporal background.

John Knox, the great reformer, and others like him, wanted Scotland to change its religion because they believed that the Church of Rome taught many things not to be found in the Bible. They also believed the clergy were doing more harm than good to the people. The people were discontented with the Church because one third of all the wealth in the country was in the hands of the clergy; the bishops and abbots lived in luxury, while they did not give nearly so much to the poor as they ought to have done; the

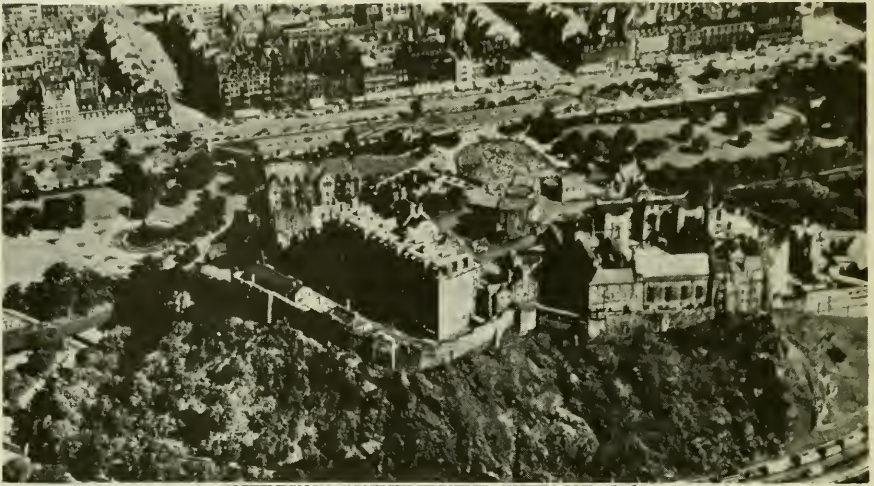
poorest people were compelled to make gifts to the Church, otherwise the priest would neither marry them, bury them, nor baptise their children. Many of the clergy also lived such bad lives and were so ignorant, that they were quite unfit to be ministers of religion, and were the laughing-stock of the people.

John Knox and others like him, said that a Church which allowed such a state of things could not be the true Church, and that it was their duty to try to put an end to it.

John Knox's zeal and eloquence did much to further the cause of the Reformation. He returned to Scotland in 1559 after a long exile on the Continent, and became the very leader the reformers needed. Though small in stature he had such courage that it was said, "he never feared the face of man."



John Knox's house in Edinburgh.



Edinburgh Castle with the beautiful Princes Street and the shopping parade.

Edinburgh Unusual City

★ Edinburgh is an unusual city. Her shape has never been affected by the flow of water. Her very name signifies a slope. She grew, in the Scottish manner, out of a single street: a high and windy street on the crest of a ridge. Where most cities seek shelter in a valley, drain the water-meadow, sternly guide the river flow, and inhale the damps of ghostly marshes, Old Edinburgh rode high, in harsh and drastic exposure.

St. Margaret's Chapel, on the Castle rock, is the oldest structure in Edinburgh. Built by the Queen Saint about the year 1090, although small, measuring only twenty-six by ten feet, it has instant beauty. It has been given a curiously perched appearance through the cutting away of the rock for a roadway in the 16th century. At the same time this emphasises its position on the very summit of the Castle rock, the

highest as well as the oldest foundation in the city.

It has withstood all the vicissitudes of seige and storming that the castle has suffered. In 1313 Randolph, Earl of Moray, Bruce's nephew, recaptured the castle from the English by climbing the rock and delivering a surprise assault. He levelled, at the King's command, every building and fortification except this chapel. After the Reformation, the chapel became the gunner's storehouse, and a reformed chapel was built against the east wall. But in the last century it was once again restored as a memorial to that early Scottish Queen.

One must also know of the Edinburgh Festival, known throughout the world, where drama, music and art are brought from many countries. Usually held the last of August, one of the most popular items is the Military Tattoo.

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ARCHIBALD R. RICHARDSON

First Counselor, Scottish Mission

★ President Richardson has a long history of service in the Church. He was baptised in 1951 and within a few months was called as second counselor in the Glasgow Branch Presidency. A year later he was called to be the branch president. In 1958 he joined the district presidency as first counselor. When the Scottish-Irish Mission was formed, he was asked to be a counselor to Bernard P. Brockbank, mission president. In September, 1961 he was called to serve full-time in the mission presidency. The new Glasgow Stake was formed in 1962 and Pres. Richardson became its first president. He was released in September, 1968 to become first counselor to Egbert J. Brown the mission president.

Pres. Richardson married Catherine Easton and they are the parents of six children. They are a united, happy family and they give much credit for this to the teachings of the Church. They particularly enjoy and feel the benefit from the Family Home Evening.

The entire family have contributed much to the Church in a musical capacity. Sister Richardson has done outstanding work with The Singing Mothers and was involved with this group from its beginning in Scotland. In those days Pres. Richardson assisted her and he has since organised and trained Priesthood choruses. Irene, the eldest of the children, has also done good work with youth choruses in the Glasgow Stake. The Richardson family play the following instruments: piano, organ piano, accordion, trumpet and guitar.



Pres. Archibald R. Richardson, and his wife, Catherine.

Their son, Alex is learning to play the piano and plays well enough to play for the Ward Primary each week.

Pres. Richardson has worked as a grocery branch manager, company representative, and at present is the Scottish area manager for his company.

ALISTAIR JAMES McWILLIAM SMITH Second Counselor, Scottish Mission

★ Pres. Smith was born in New Elgin, Morayshire, forty one years ago. He spent his youth in various small towns along the Moray Firth coast and was a newspaper reporter when he was called up for service in the Royal Horse Artillery. He served in Egypt and Palestine and was among the last troops to leave Palestine on May, 15, 1948. Since demobilisation he has been an officer in the Aberdeen City Police. He is now in charge of the Identification Bureau in this force with the rank of Detective Inspector. He is a member of the Nat-



Pres. Alister J. M. Smith.

ional Conference of Fingerprint Experts. A well-known Scottish ornithologist and bird photographer, he is at present completing a twelve year study of the breeding biology and migration of the Sandwich Tern.

Pres. Smith is married with five children whose ages range from six to seventeen years. The family was converted to the Church in 1955. Pres. Smith has served as Sunday School superintendent, counselor to a branch president, counselor to a district president, district mission president, district president and has been counselor to four mission presidents.

Cook Aids In Many Ways

ALISON DUNCAN

★ Alison Duncan, cook in the mission home, although not a member of the Church, is called "Sister Duncan" by all of the missionaries of the Scottish Mission. She is loved by every missionary and is very popular in the mission home for she is a wonderful cook and a friend to everyone. She has served under three mission presidents. She has many old favourite Scottish recipes of her mother.

She does well in public relations putting in kind words for the "Mormons." She has two daughters who live in the States.

A well educated person, she speaks several languages and has a wide interest in many things, keeps up-to-date with current events, loves gardening, concerts and operas.

Sister Duncan was formerly a "buyer" for a large department store in London.



Alison Duncan, mission home cook.

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Front of mission home and offices of Scottish Mission, located next to the Edinburgh Chapel.



Mission home staff,
Sister Carolyn Price,
Elder Hoagland, Elder
Burt, Elder Douglas
Larsen.

Stone seen in front gardens of mission home is the one taken from an old building in Stirling and is shown in the film on President David O. McKay's life. He received encouragement from inscription while on his first mission to Scotland.



Relief Society cakes made and decorated by the five districts. Kilmarnock District, bottom left, was judged most beautiful.



Mission Relief Society Board making plans for Visiting Teachers Convention. From left, Betty Burns, secy.; Elva M. Brown, wife of mission president; supervisor; Sally Brown, president and Charlotte Ross, work counselor. Roberta Munro, not seen, is educational counselor.

Part of MIA executives in quarterly leadership held by mission board for districts. Presidents and counselor in charge of MIA are also present.



Youth committee James Stronoch Jr., Sis. May Kennedy, mission YWMIA president; David Brown, committee chairman; and mission YMMIA secy.; Elizabeth McLeod, mission secy. of YWMIA; William Goldie first assistant YMMIA and Alene O'Shaughnessy, mission YWMIA activity counselor.

A group at the Elders Quorum Convention in Dundee East Chapel.



Elders Quorum Conducts Successful Convention

★ The first Elders Quorum Convention in the Scottish Mission was held recently at the Dundee East Chapel under the direction of the newly appointed presidency of Aberdeen and Dundee Districts.

Stanley Thompson of Aberdeen is the new president with Jame Dunlop and David Black, counselors and John Keough, secretary.

The afternoon session was devoted to workshops and instruction on the various priesthood functions. Simultaneously

wives of the priesthood members were addressed by Anne Crook, Elva Brown and Pres. Alister Smith with Sally Brown, conducting.

A conjoint meeting followed with Mission Pres. Egbert J. Brown, and Pres. Alister Smith speaking and a film was shown.

A lovely dinner was prepared by Bro. John Keough, and served by the priesthood. An entertaining programme and dance followed. It is planned such work and social sessions will become a regular feature of quorum activity.



Elders Quorum presidency of Dundee and Aberdeen District. James Dunlop, 2C; Stanley Thompson, president; John Keough, secy. and David Black, 1C.

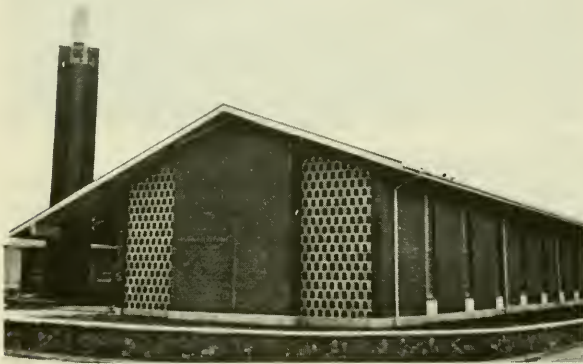


Edward Stevens, president, newly organised 2nd Quorum of Elders in Scottish Mission.

Typical New Chapels



Dumbarton Chapel.



Ayr Chapel and Paisley Chapel of similar design.

Drumchapel.



A Testimony Of A Modern Day Prophet Of God

McKay

EDITOR'S NOTE:

★ No historical reference to the Scottish Mission would be complete without considerable reference to the sublime life of President David O. McKay whose ancestors came originally from that great land. The Millennial Star takes great pride in reprinting several incidents of note from president McKay's mission, his father's mission to Scotland, and inspirational events which have transpired through the years. Also of significance are some experiences since President McKay became the ninth president of the Church in 1951. Credit and appreciation is given to President McKay's private secretary, Miss Clare Middlemiss in Salt Lake City, and Scottish Mission Pres. and Sister Egbert J. Brown for providing this material. We trust all members of the Church may reap the same wealth of inspiration and love from these experiences.

A TESTIMONY

★ The year is 1898; the missionary experience belongs to Elder David O. McKay. His words and his experience appeared in *The Millennial Star*, Vol. 60 No. 47, Nov. 24, 1898, Page 747.



McKay Family crest.

The elders labouring in Ayr, relate the following experience which will be interesting and encouraging perhaps to some of the readers of the Star:

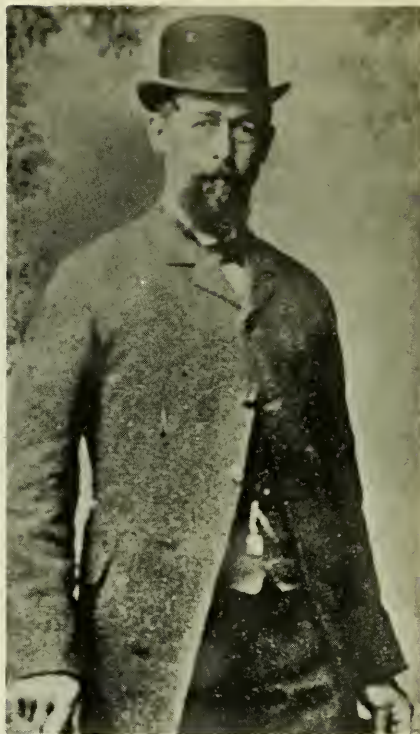
For some time after our arrival in Ayr we had no encouragement whatever from the people; but were met with such cold indifference that our hopes were lowered nearly to the point of despair. However we perserved with our street meetings and on July 4th had the satisfaction of speaking to our first good audience. As the meeting proceeded a spirit of opposition became very manifest. Our opponents tried to interrupt us, but a women's encouraging voice was heard, saying: "Pay no attention to the disturbers; your teachings are in accordance with the scriptures. Go on with your meeting!" She was an entire stranger to us, and little knew at the time what consolation and encouragement her words gave two humble servants of the Lord.

She was recognized at several of our

succeeding meetings, and on the evening of September 5th, we had the pleasure of conversing with her. Mrs. Wilson, for that is her name, invited us to her home, and in accepting the invitation we took with us some views of Utah. In the illustration of the Salt Lake Temple is a picture of one of the windows showing the Prophet Joseph Smith receiving his first vision. When Mrs. Wilson saw this she shed tears of joy and said, "I saw in a dream that man praying in the woods, a long time ago."

As the conversation continued, Elder N..... read his blessing received when he was set apart for his mission. Among other promises made him was that "Angels should go before him." When the lady heard this, she testified again saying, "That is true; angels have been here; and I saw you two men coming from America to preach the gospel."

Mrs. Wilson and her two daughters have been baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



David McKay, father of President McKay, as a missionary, 1881-1883.

A Faith Promoting Incident

(President McKay tells of a faith promoting experience at a Priesthood meeting for missionaries held in Glasgow, Scotland, May 29, 1899, at which time President James W. McMurrin made a prediction that he will "yet sit in the leading councils of the Church".)

★ I was on my first mission, president at the time of the Scottish Conference in the year 1899. Presiding over the European Mission were Elders Platt D.

Lyman, Henry W. Naisbett and James McMurrin. Pres. McMurrin represented the European Presidency at a conference held in Glasgow, Scotland. Following a series of meetings, we held a most remarkable priesthood meeting, one that will never be forgotten by any man who was present.

I remember as if it were yesterday, the intensity of inspiration of that occasion. Everybody felt the rich out-

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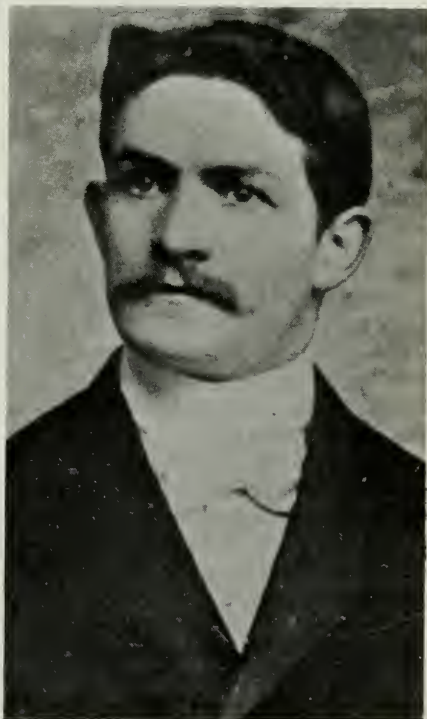
Jennette Evelyn Evans McKay, mother of President McKay.

pouring of the spirit of the Lord. All present were truly of one heart and one mind. Never before had I experienced such an emotion. It was a manifestation for which as a doubting youth I had secretly prayed most earnestly on hillside and in meadow. It was an assurance to me that sincere prayer is answered "sometime, somewhere."

During the progress of the meeting, an elder on his own initiative arose and said, "Brethren, there are angels in this room." Strange as it may seem, the announcement was not startling, indeed it seemed wholly proper; though it had not occurred to me there were divine beings present. I only knew that

I was overflowing with gratitude for the presence of the holy spirit. I was profoundly impressed, however, when Pres. James McMurrin arose and confirmed that statement by pointing to one brother sitting just in front of me and saying, "Yes, brethren, there are angels in this room, and one of them is the guardian angel of that young man sitting there," and he designated one who today is a patriarch in the Church.

Pointing to another elder he said, "and one is the guardian angel of that young man there" and he singled out one whom I had known from childhood. Tears were rolling down the cheeks of both of these missionaries, not in sorrow or grief, but as an expression of



President McKay during his mission to Scotland in 1899-1901.



Little stucco home in Merthyr-Tydfil, South Wales, in which President McKay's mother, Jennette Evelyn Evans, was born Aug. 28, 1850.

the overflowing spirit. Indeed we were all weeping.

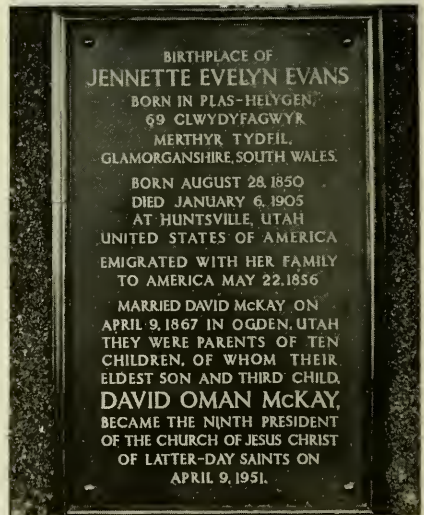
Such was the setting in which James McMurrin gave what has since proved to be a prophecy.

I had learned by intimate association with him that James McMurrin was pure gold; his faith in the Gospel implicit; that no truer man, no more loyal man to what he thought was right, ever lived; so when he turned to me and gave what I thought then was more of a caution than a promise, his words make an indelible impression upon me. Paraphrasing the words of the Saviour to Peter, he said, "Let me say to you Brother David, Satan hath desired you that he may sift you as wheat, but God is mindful of you." Then he added, "If you will keep the faith you will yet sit in the leading councils of the Church." At that moment there flashed into my mind temptations that had beset my path, and I realized even better than Pres. McMurrin

or any other man, how truly he had spoken. With the resolve then and there to keep the faith there was born a desire to be of service to my fellow men, and with it a realization, a glimpse at least, of what I owed to the elder who first carried the message of the Restored Gospel to my grandfather and grandmother who had accepted the message years before in the north of Scotland.

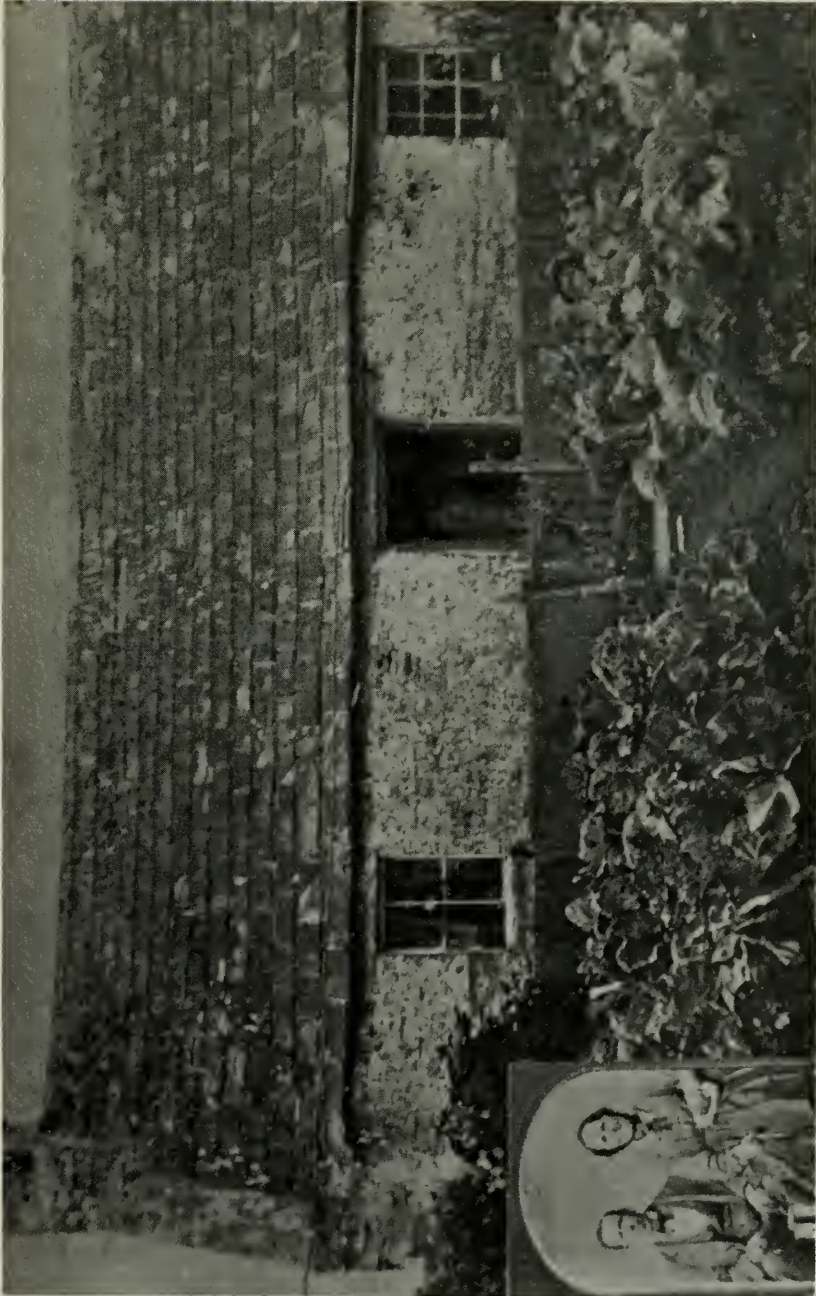
Following that meeting I had an occasion to visit the scenes of my grandparents' childhood, and I more fully and completely comprehended what the Gospel had done for them and for their descendants.

I know that this incident means but little to others, but to me it connotes so much that is intimately precious and so profoundly important as a milestone in my life that I cherish it as a sacred possession.



Plaque unveiled by President McKay on his mother's birthplace in South Wales on March 2, 1961.

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Home of William McKay and Ellen Oman McKay at Janetstown, near Thurso, Scotland. (Insert—picture of William McKay and Ellen Oman McKay).

Today's Beloved Prophet Recalls 1952 Visit To Scotland

(Excerpts from Remarks made in Edinburgh by President David O. McKay on his visit to Scotland, June 4, 1952.)

★ Very few who are present realize what this moment means to me. With appreciation of your welcome I associate in a reminiscent mood events that brought me to the position that I now occupy . . . Let me state briefly that it has been over a hundred years since my grandfather, William McKay, and my grandmother, Ellen Oman McKay, left Thurso, Scotland, having become converts to the Church.

About 1877 William McKay, my grandfather, came back to his native land as a missionary and went up to Wick, Thurso, and Aberdeen, bearing witness that the Gospel had been restored and that he knew it to be true. About 1882, his son, David, my father, came over here as a missionary. He too laboured in Glasgow, Dundee, Aberdeen, and in Thurso, and he was president of the Scottish Conference.

In 1897 I was called as a missionary, an unmarried man, young, earnest, and eager . . . Rulon S. Wells appointed me president of the Glasgow Conference.

An old lady in Thurso whom I visited in 1898 was the playmate of my grand-

mother. She remembered when William McKay and Ellen Oman were married. She remembered when they were baptised, in referring to which she said, "I remember when they dipped them i' the Burn; do ye do that noo?" I assured her that we did. "And are ye Willie's grandson? Ach a'ne, ach a'ne, I am getin' auld!" She felt then as I do tonight. Sir Walter Scott expressed it:

"Years rush by us like the wind,
We see not whence the eddy comes,
Nor witherward it is tending,
And we seem, ourselves, to witness
their flight

Without a sense that we are changed.
Yet time is beguiling man of his strength
As the winds rob the trees of their
foliage."

Though time dim our youthfulness and affect the physical body, it cannot touch the spirit. And so, as I look back in reminiscent moods upon these events and many others that have crowded my mind, I stand before you with gratitude in my heart that a humble elder a hundred years ago knocked at a door in Thurso, or really Janetstown near Thurso, and testified that the Gospel of Jesus Christ had been restored. I am thankful that my grandfather and grandmother believed that, because that was the beginning of all the events that have happened in the century leading to this moment.

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Fellow Scots visit with President McKay and Sister McKay in their suite in Hotel Utah in Salt Lake City.



Cave where President McKay's father went to pray while on his mission to Scotland.

President McKay Has Seen Church Expand into World Wide Organisation

★ What article about Scotland would be complete without the story of the beloved prophet of the Church, David O. McKay.

Born in the Alpine like Utah community of Huntsville on September 3, 1873 four years after the pioneer era ended with the coming of the railroad to Utah, President David O. McKay has seen the Church grow literally into the worldwide organisation it had been prophesied it would become.

During his presidency, beginning April 9, 1951, the stakes have been extended to Europe, Latin America, Australia, and the islands of the sea. He has pronounced dedicatory prayers for five temples: Swiss, Los Angeles, New Zealand, London, and Oakland. The seminary and institute programmes have been expanded—Brigham Young University has grown to become the largest church related university in the

world; and colleges and schools have been established in Hawaii, New Zealand, and other mission areas. There is hardly an area in which the Church has not witnessed phenomenal growth while President McKay has been at its head. He has also traveled more widely than any other Prophet in the history of the restored Church, visiting the stakes and missions throughout the world.

Most Precious Thing

"I realized in youth that the most precious thing that a man could obtain in this life was a testimony of the divinity of this work. I hungered for it. I felt that if I could get that, all else would indeed seem insignificant," he has recalled.

As a young missionary serving in Scotland before the turn of the century, he knew discouragement when he realised that many wonderful people in the land of his father were letting the

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message of the Gospel go unheeded. Then one day he saw an uncompleted building with a motto carved in stone over a doorway, 'What'er Thou Art, Act Well Thy Part.' He said later that this was the turning point of his mission.

At a meeting in the mission field one day, James McMurrin, his mission president turned and said "Let me say to you, Brother David, Satan hath desired you that he may sift you as wheat, but God is mindful of you." Then he added, "if you will keep faith, you will sit in the leading councils of the Church."

After completing his mission, David O. McKay married the sweetheart of his university days, Emma Ray Riggs, in the Salt Lake Temple on January 2, 1901. They became the parents of seven children, one of whom died in childhood.

Many Positions

David O. McKay's roles in the Church have been many. He was serving as principal of Weber Academy in Ogden when he was called to the Council of the Twelve at the April 1906 general conference. Six months later, in

October 1906, he became a member of the general superintendency of Sunday Schools. For many years he devoted much of his time to directing this programme, becoming general superintendent in 1918, and serving in this capacity until he was chosen to be a counselor to President Heber J. Grant of the First Presidency in October 1934.

As a member of the Twelve he visited many of the missions and stakes of the Church. He made a worldwide tour of missions in 1920-21 and presided over the European mission in 1922-24. Then in April 1951, 45 years to the day since he had been ordained to the Twelve, he became President of the Church.

President McKay is a great teacher. An elder who was nearly called to preside over the mission in Brazil said of the calling, "This is such a great honour." The Prophet, with his kindly but piercing eyes, looked into the appointee's soul and replied, "No, not a great honour. It is a great trust!"

President David O. McKay has been mindful of the solemn trust that is his both to the Lord and to the Saints.



McKay home near Janetstown.

Aberdeen District

★ Aberdeen stands on a shoulder of ground between the Dee and the Don rivers and was once two separate burghs—Aberdeen on the Dee and the Aulton on the Don. They are now one though still distinguishable.

In medieval times, Aberdeen had a strong castle. The Aulton had a cathedral and, from 1494, a university. Aberdeen prospered by trade with the Continent; the Aulton was devoted to learning. Aberdeen had a good anchorage on the Dee, the Aulton a poor one on the Don: so the trading went more and more to the former. The merchants of Aberdeen turned the anchorage into a harbour at great labour as their trade with Europe grew; and to satisfy that trade they developed the resources of the countryside. That countryside was poor in everything but people. The people were put to work in the homes, the textile, and especially in knitting stockings. When the factory system came in, the merchants started mills in the town which attracted people from the country parishes and the highlands. The town's growth caused the town council to make a grand town plan. The clutter of old hovels was swept away, a hill removed and a new street westward through the middle of the town completed. The area was designed in classical style and brought to it a certain elegance. Simultaneously masons discovered how to dress the native granite, so a new and handsome Aberdeen arose.

Aberdeen has had three natural resources, the sea, the farmland and the industry of her people. The manufacture

of linen and cotton led to great expansion in the late eighteenth century. Then a market was found for Granite.



Patrick McRae

PATRICK McRAE

★ Patrick McRae—is an Aberdonian by birth, educated in Aberdeen and was prominent in junior football and youth organisation work during his teens. Served in the Royal Air Force on call-up. Became a top sales representative with a national firm and was in this field when he was converted to the Church in 1962. Later he went into business and is now owner of a wholesale fish firm. He is married with four daughters and a son.

During his service in the Church he has been a branch president, counselor to a district president and is now president of the Aberdeen District, the most northerly in the British Isles. He is keenly interested in youth in the Church and recently was involved with the team which won the Mark E. Petersen Football Trophy.

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William S. Black



Shewan Duthie

WILLIAM S. BLACK Counselor in the district presidency was the district mission president and has served as Aberdeen Branch president. He is the father of The "Black Brothers" who are known as football stars.

SHEWAN DUTHIE A counselor in the district presidency, served as district clerk. He is a member of the Aberdeen Police force.

EDNA SMITH Is district Primary president and until recently was district Relief Society president as well as working in the Y.W.M.I.A. Blessed with

a beautiful contralto voice she presents many musical numbers and is a devoted Church worker. She has five lovely children and accompanies her husband in his position as counselor to the mission president.

VIOLET, "LENA" ROBERTSON District Relief Society president previously was branch Relief Society president. She loves people and lives the Golden Rule.

LILY BRUCE Although young in age, has had experience in Church, having



Edna Smith



Violet Robertson



Lily Bruce



Isabel Coull



James Dunlop



Joseph B. Coull

served as a counselor in the district Y.W.M.I.A. plus as an officer in the branch M.I.A. before her present calling.

ISABEL COULL District chorister and choir director is a talented musician. Until recently she was district Primary president. She is also a school teacher.

JAMES DUNLOP District Y.M.M.I.A. superintendent and counselor in the newly organised Elders Quorum of the Aberdeen-Dundee districts, came to Aberdeen from Australia with his wife and family.

JOSEPH B. COULL District Sunday School superintendent and also district councilman.

STANLEY THOMSON President of the Elders Quorum of Aberdeen-Dundee districts, formerly was Aberdeen Branch president and also a counselor in the district presidency. He is one of the few in Scotland whose parents have been members for many years. His charming wife is also a convert and a very devoted Church worker. They have three lovely children.

GEORGE ESSON An exceptionally talented young man, plays the organ for the district choir, and for weddings, or wherever he is asked. He directs the district priesthood choir and is a group leader in the Elders Quorum. He has a lovely wife.



Stanley Thomson,
left. George Esson,
right.





Aberdeen Branch presidency, from left, William G. Dunbar, clerk; Thomas Thomson, 1C; Pres. George Bowie, Charles Christie, 2C and John Donaldson, assistant clerk.

Stalwarts Since 1926

★ Bro. John Thomson, and his wife, Georgine M. Thomson, first came in contact with the Church in 1922 at a street meeting being held by Elders Taylor and Wegland, who were the missionaries who re-organised the Aberdeen Branch after the 1914-18 War. At this time there were only seven missionaries and three branches in Scotland.



Bro. & Sis. John Thomson

It was not until 1926, however, that they were baptised by Elder Groo. During this period, James E. Talmage was the British Mission president and they had the privilege of meeting and hearing him at the district conference in Glasgow during 1927.

In 1928, Bro. Thompson was ordained a priest by Elder George Romney with whom he gained early experience in missionary work, acting as Elder Romney's part time companion while Elder Romney was without a missionary companion for some time.

During this year Dr. John A. Widtsoe visited Aberdeen and the fireside meeting held in the home of Sis. Sutherland was undoubtedly an event which greatly impressed Brother Thomson. Being young in the Church and of a very inquisitive nature, he took full advantage of such an opportunity and feels that perhaps he tended to put rather more than his fair share of the questions. In his own words, he says,

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Dundee District

★ When travelling expenses in the old North Scottish district (comprising Dundee and Aberdeen) grew more outrageous, it was decided to form the Dundee District. The new district would have its centre in Dundee and would extend across the River Tay to branches in Fife.

At first this presented some difficulty, there being only a rail bridge across the Tay at Dundee and to travel to Fife from there meant making a detour via Perth, a 20-mile extra journey. But the Lord never let progress in His Kingdom be halted over such trivialities.

Soon after the district was formed He guided the missionaries to a home in Perth where there lived an elder of the Church of Scotland, his wife and their three young sons. Despite severe opposition from family and friends, Thomas Crook and his family were baptised and about one year later he became the second president of the Dundee district, with the great advan-

tage of accessibility to both Dundee and Fife areas. This was obviously a considerable advantage, however auxiliary boards were still finding travel something of a problem. So, two years ago, the government "obligingly" built a £5 million road bridge across the river at Dundee, thus cutting travel time to Fife by half.

It has been said (locally) that the Dundee District is small in area, average in size of membership and gigantic in spirituality. This would seem to be borne out by the fact that of the seven branches in the area, three already have their own chapels, and two buildings are expected to be started in the near future. One will be in Dunfermline, where planning permission is awaiting approval; the other in Perth, which, it is hoped, will be under way within a few months. Dundee itself was for a long time the only city in Britain to have two chapels.

Everyone says dolefully these days

Dundee District presidency, Albert Howe, left, counselor, Pres. A. Thomas Crook and John R. Watson, second counselor.



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CROOK

★ Thomas A. Crook—potato merchant, also has a warehouse business. Formerly a golfer, Church activities keep him too busy—he keeps fit by running two miles each morning.

Born in Inskip, Lancashire, he served two years in the R.A.F. before going to Canada where he lived four years. Returning home on a visit in 1953 his uncle persuaded him to join him in his seed potato business in Perth, Scotland.

In 1956 he married Anne Connie Kinlock. They had two sons and a third baby was on the way when the Elders first called at their door in March 1961. The third son was born in May and the family joined the Church 18th Sept. 1961.

that the pioneer spirit is dead, but the Harry Brown family has proved that it is not. After joining the Church in Dundee the family later moved to Glenrothes. They grew tired of holding meetings in their home, even with four children, and one Saturday Sister Brown approached Pres. Woodbury, the mission president, and asked if it would be possible to have missionaries sent to Glenrothes. The following Monday two missionaries arrived and to this each branch in Fife owes its existence. Missionaries moved on from Glenrothes to Kirkcaldy, then gradually spread into Methil and Dunfermline.

Glenrothes, the cradle of Fife, as it were, has continued to grow and is now presided over by local brethren, and very ably too.

In **Methil** there are three things which one can depend upon—there will be more or less the same number of members present each time you visit; you will meet the Liston and Templeman families, who struggle on through



Pres. A. Lowe of
Glenrothes Branch.

tion for the use of M.I.A., under the guidance of Brother Ronald Mcfarlane, who is also district M.I.A. superintendent. The branch presidency, no less enthusiastic, but a little less youthful, also use it as a retreat when things get on top of them.

The **Kirkcaldy** Branch, the largest in



Pres. George C. Liston of Methil Branch.

thick and thin; regardless of whether the programme is several years out-of-date the Spirit can invariably be felt there in abundance.

Dunfermline is well-known for its go-ahead attitudes and enthusiastic youth, which is particularly obvious at the annual roadshows. This branch owns a hut in a glen far from civilisa-

Fife, was the first branch in the district to boast its own chapel. The saints are ambitious, think positively and reap the results accordingly. Here again there is a good-sized group of young people, and what is more suprising still, they marry one another. This is not nearly so common as it sounds, and would seem to indicate the future of the branch.



Pres. George Reid of Dumfermline with Bro. John McFarlane, counselor.

Despite its rather small membership the Perth Branch is well organised. The Church programmes are adapted with great skill to meet the needs of a smaller branch. It was noticed that a sharp influx of baptisms was taking place in Perth a year or two ago. Upon



Kirkcaldy Branch presidency, John Smith, counselor; Pres. David Foster, Allan Brown, counselor; Stuart M. Hall, clerk.



Dundee Branch presidency, Dennis Clancy, counselor and Pres. William Shaw. Robert Ross, counselor, not shown.

investigation it was learned that this had started around the time Pres. Crook started lending the missionaries his "Jag." to run baptismal candidates to Dundee for the service. So Pres. Crook was later faced with the unenviable decision of surrendering his car to the mercies of American motoring or seeing new converts markedly reduced. Last year the Perth visiting teachers made over 280 visits, despite the fact that one is 78 years old.



Dundee District Primary presidency, Pres. Anne Crook, (also counselor on Mission Primary Board) Margaret Day and Margaret Watson, counselors.



Dundee East Branch presidency, Joseph Leece, 1C; Pres. Alfred Wallace, Hugh M. Ross, 2C, not shown and Bro. Gilbert Pasifuld, clerk.

There is a certain degree of friendly rivalry between the two branches in Dundee; when "the other branch" is referred to no one requires an explanation. The Dundee Branch has sent seven proselyting missionaries and four building missionaries into the field. It is also well-known for the excellence of its entertainment in concert productions and roadshows. This year it won the Roadshow award for the Scottish Mission after having been second for several years.

The most long-standing members in

the district attend the Dundee East branch—Lizzie McKenzie, whose great-grandchild is a sixth generation Mormon; David Black to whom great credit must be given for battling to make the Church in Dundee what it is today, and many others.



Dundee District Relief Society presidency, Nancy Shaw, president; Margaret A. Campbell, counselor and Lynn Leece, secretary.



Dundee District MIA officers, Mary Grubb, counselor; David Brown, asst. supt.; Pres. Georgina M. Clancy, Supt. Ronald McFarlane, Stella Brown, secy.



Dundee District Relief Society sisters after serving a luncheon at the first district Relief Society convention. Shown are Nancy Shaw, Ingrid Taylor, Sis. Dickson, Charlotte Ross, Ruby Howe.

My Testimony

By Sister Sheila Kerr

Forfar, Dundee District

★ I was born into the Church 34 years ago in Birmingham, England. My four sisters and one brother and I were guided through life by the teaching of the Gospel. But when I fell in love my husband was Scottish and belonged to the Church of Scotland. Religion played no part in our love. We married and lived happily ever after (as the story goes), all but for the nagging ache in a corner of my heart because once taught the Gospel of Jesus Christ and taught it well no matter what happens and how happy you may be the truth always shines through. How I longed to share it with my husband, but somehow when I tried to explain it, it always ended in harsh words.

I looked forward to my holidays in Birmingham to hear all the Church news and friends in it. The strange thing was the longer I was away from the Church the more I loved the Gospel and the promises it holds for us.

Five years after our marriage we were blessed with a son, Stephen. I knew the responsibility we had as parents towards our children and most of all I realised they would need to be baptised. Still I could not bring my husband to see the importance of this, and because I loved my husband so much it hurt that much more I prayed often for an answer. My family in England most of all my brother-in-law tried to help. I remember once coming home

from a holiday armed with lots of pamphlets which I left all over the house hoping he would pick one up and want to know more.

The first time I saw a sign of interest was when I lost my mother and Charles met people from the Church. He said he felt they had something special, he didn't know what but it came through to him and filled him with warmth. After this he seemed slightly interested. I didn't want to push him and prayed for guidance that my husband might be taught the Gospel, realised its truth and accept it.

During this time our daughter, Sheena, was born. I longed for my children to be given a blessing through the hands of the priesthood. I continued to pray about this. Then one day a notice appeared in the local paper to the effect that the Latter-day Saints missionaries had been moved into Forfar and would hold Sunday services in the local hall.

Charles seemed as pleased as I was, in fact, it was he who saw them in the street, stopped his car, and invited them home. My prayer was answered. He heard and accepted the Gospel through these young men. I know prayers are answered. Sometimes it takes longer than others, but I know there is a reason for this. The time had to be right my husband had to be truly ready. I know the Church is true and lasting and our Father in Heaven loves each and every one of His children.

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Edinburgh District

Bathgate Branch presidency, C. K. Nelson, counselor; Angus Marr, clerk; Pres. William Watson



Pres. David G. Burns of Edinburgh Branch and Sis. Burns. She is president of branch YWMIA and secretary of the mission Relief Society. They have two sons, two daughters.



Mission Pres. Egbert J. Brown presenting Pres. David G. Burn, captain of the mission football team with the Mark E. Petersen trophy they won in Manchester.

The Testimony Of

Pres. Henery McGibben,

EDINBURGH DISTRICT PRESIDENT

★ On a June evening in 1956 two young men knocked upon our door, and thanks to my dear wife, were admitted into our home. When they had stated the purpose of their call, I was not in the least interested, but had the courtesy to listen now that they got this far. My intentions were to hear them out, give them enough rope to hang themselves and then having contended with them, send both of them packing.

Although no longer a religious man at that time, I had supposed knowledge of the Bible, enough to make me confused by the teachings of the church to which I had been affiliated some years before and I presumed, sufficient to prove to these young men that I did not need anyone to come from America to enlighten me about truth. However, it was not so very long before I realised that here was something really different, there was no confusion or mystery, merely an explanation of the purpose of life, from the scriptures, that was wonderfully simple and I was later to discover, simply wonderful.

Although aware from the atmosphere in my home, whenever these young men were present, that they were humble and sincere, to accept their message would have necessitated such a tremendous change in my way of living and the severing of life-long friendships with former companions, with whom I would no longer have the same things in common, the temptation was to take the easy road out and ask them not to call back.

Even though I was logically convinced of the truthfulness of their statements,

I had not the courage of conviction to which the poet refers, nor did I wish to be among the few when I was so happy among the throng, so I decided not to heed their message and reasoned that if this was the wrong thing to do, I would pay for my mistake when the time came, hoping of course that this would be a long way off.

It never occurred to me that I was not only denying myself the opportunity of "Eternal Life" through failure to comply with the first principles of the Gospel, but that my wife and family would be denied the spiritual blessings which stem from active membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, meanwhile depriving them of the temporal blessings which they would gain were I to cease squandering my money on drinks, gambling and other follies.

When I had informed the "Elders" that I thought their Church was probably true, but that I was enjoying life as it was and didn't think I would want to change, adding that I would not be baptised and make a mockery of the Church by failing to adhere to its principles, I was given cause to realize that there was more than myself involved, this came about in the following manner. During our meeting with the missionaries, my elder son who was then only nine years old, was standing by my side, and the younger boy, only four years, was sitting on my knee. One of these young men asked me if I loved my sons, and whether, if necessary, I would be willing to die for them. When I replied that I thought

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Dist. Pres. Henery McGibbon, centre and Sis. McGibbon, being greeted by Edinburgh Branch Pres. David Burns. At right, Sis. White, recent convert.

I would, he asked why I should not be willing to live for them.

My Sons were two of God's children, I had been entrusted with their upbringing and would not have wanted them to go everywhere I went, or do all the things I did, so their example must not only come from their mother, but was a responsibility which I must share.

This realisation caused me to want to know whether the Gospel as taught by Jesus Christ had actually been restored to earth through Joseph Smith and whether he was, in fact, a Prophet of God. No longer did the testimony of these young missionaries suffice, sincere as they were, they might just as easily have been sincerely wrong, as so many good people are today.

Since this knowledge is not reserved for any class or category of people, and since there is no substitute for truth, I decided to ask of God.

With this sincere desire to know, I knelt, with my wife, and children and by my side in secret prayer, to enquire of my Heavenly Father, as a result of which my wife and I, along with our nine year old son, were baptised on 17 - 11 - 56. Four years later, I baptised my younger son who had by this time

reached the age of accountability, as was given by revelation to a living Prophet in our day.

The past 12 years have brought trials of faith and many blessings, along with numerous opportunities to serve in the building of Our Father's Kingdom. During this period I have had the privilege and honour to serve as a Sunday School superintendent, branch president, district missionary, bishop, counselor to the mission president and currently president of the Edinburgh District.

Sister Jane McGibbon, my wife, is president of the Relief Society in the Galashiels Branch, and serves as a counselor in the district Relief Society presidency.

Duncan, my oldest son, is an elder, serving as a counselor to the branch president and as Sunday School and YMMIA superintendent. He also holds the B.A.A. Church championships for athletics with the fastest times yet recorded in the 100 and 220 yd. sprints. Our son, Kenneth, 16, is an Aaronic Priesthood holder and hopes to emulate his big brother in many of his accomplishments.

On 25th Nov. 1962 we were sealed to each other in the Holy Temple of Our Lord for time and all eternity.



Pres. John Grant of Galashiels Branch and an ardent sportsman.



Georgina Irving active in branch and district Relief Society. Also School chorister.



Robert Murray of Dalkeith, counselor in Edinburgh District presidency.



Henry Steele in his Kilt, at annual "Burns Supper" of Edinburgh District.



George E. Jeffersen, district clerk, former president of Edinburgh Branch.



James Thompson, counselor in Edinburgh Branch presidency; Alex Clark, superintendent of YMMIA in mission and John Beveridge, president of Dalkeith Branch.

Hamilton District

★ Meetings were being held in an old railway building when Thomas L. Easton and his wife, Helen, joined the Church. Later the meetings were held in the Good Templers Hall in Coatdyke where Bro. Easton became a counselor to the branch president. Eight months later Bro. Easton was appointed branch president, a position he held two years.

Pres. Easton went on to serve as district councilman before being called as a counselor to Mission Pres. Bernard P. Brockbank.

Next he served as Hamilton District president before being required to assist in the building of the Airdrie Branch building. He also held three major positions at once, counselor to the mission president, Hamilton District president the position he now serves in and Hamilton Branch president.

One winter night, two missionary sisters came to the Easton door presenting the good news of the restoration of

the Gospel. Their reception was a rather cold one and they were refused admittance. The two Sisters persisted until at the fourth attempt, they were able to give the first discussion to the Easton family, which included six children at that time and now number ten. As a result of this visit, all are members of the Church.

However, Pres. Easton's service to the Lord could not have been so successful had it not been for his wife, Helen, who has always assisted and sustained him in his callings. Looking after such a large family as they have is an accomplishment for her as she also holds many positions in the Church.

I'm sure when both Pres. and Sister Easton look back at the time and effort they have put forth at rearing their family in the ways of the Church, they must be justly proud of the result as they are all faithful to the Church.



New Hamilton Branch Chapel to be dedicated soon. Malcolm Kerr is branch president.



Pres. James Stronach, first counselor in Hamilton District presidency, and Sis. Stronach who is active in all auxiliaries.



Pres. Malcolm Kerr of Hamilton Branch and his bride of Feb. 1 Edna Davidson of Kilmarnock. She is the Primary president.

Most recently completed Chapel in Scotland, East Kilbride, to be dedicated soon. Frank Sommer-ville is branch president.



Cumberland Branch Relief Society.



Nelson Eagleston, clerk of Hamilton Branch. Sis. Eagleston is Relief Society president and assistant to the genealogy chairman in Hamilton District.

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Pres. Robert R. Forsyth of Airdrie Branch and Sis. June Forsyth. She is an accomplished musician. He is very active in all sports.



Jerry and Maureen Ball of Hamilton Branch. Jerry, a recent convert, is in the U.S. Navy, stationed at Holy Loch. Maureen is active in MIA.

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"Being in Dr. Widtsøe's presence, you knew you were in the company of a great man."

One of the earliest social evenings that stands out in their memory was the centenary celebrations in 1930. This year was of special significance to Bro. Thompson in another way, as he was ordained an Elder by the then mission president A. W. Lund at a District Conference in Glasgow.

Throughout their years in the Church, they have served in many positions within the branch. Sis. Thomson working mainly in Relief Society, being president for some time. Bro. Thomson, although working in many varied positions, has always held Sunday School work as the most satisfying, particularly working with the younger age groups.

In more recent times, Bro. Thomson was the branch president with Brothers William Black, and Archie Maxwell as his counselors when Pres. David O. McKay visited Aberdeen in 1953. At

this meeting, not only was the chapel filled, but people were standing in the hallway and staircase of the converted house with the doors left open for them to hear.

The following year their daughter set off on a full time mission. This was a historical event for the branch as she was the first local member to serve a full time mission.

In August, 1960, they had the opportunity of visiting the London Temple and being sealed for the eternity by Pres. S. J. Boyer. After this it was almost back to the beginning again for Bro. and Sis. Thomson, when they were called as local missionaries and were blessed to be able to reach several contacts who accepted the Gospel.

Through the years, they were blessed with five children—John Jr., Ethel Webster, George Masson, Shelia, and Stanley, who has served as a branch president, counselor in the district presidency, and is now Elders Quorum president. They reside at 298 Hardgate, Aberdeen.



A group of missionaries with Pres. James E. Talmadge in 1927, when he presided over the British Mission, during a Glasgow District conference. Front, Elders Buchanan, B. Cook, Pres. Talmadge, Sis. Talmadge and Elder Murdock. Back, first two unidentified, Elder George Romney, (recent Governor of Michigan, now a member of President Nixon's Cabinet in the U.S.A.,) Elders Smith, Blamires and Whyte.

REMEMBER WHEN?



Elder John A. Widtsoe, and president of the European Missions, with Sis. Leah Widtsoe. From left, front, Elders Robert K. Whyte, Richard L. Evans (now of the Council of the Twelve) William Cook, (later became Pioneer Stake Sunday School chorister, recognised by Millennial Star Managing Editor Monitor C. Noyce, who was reared in 32nd Ward of Pioneer Stake), Pres. and Sis. Widtsoe, and Carl W. Buchanan. Back, Elders J. Ross Smith, Willis E. Bean, Golden W. Stewart, Wayne Shaw, R. L. Bird Jr., Eudora Widtsoe, (now Durham) Fred L. Finlinson, Charles E. Aslop, Lawrence S. Crosbie and Louis S. Leatham.



President David O. McKay and Sis. Emma Rae McKay as they visited Aberdeen Branch in 1953. Also in front are Pres. John Thomson and A. Hamer Reiser, right, mission president. Back, William Black, Archie Maxwell, counselors to Pres. Thomson. Others unidentified. At this meeting every available space of the converted house was filled.



Aberdeen Branch Sunday School on Belmont Street in 1928. Pres Thompson at far right was serving as branch president.

Kilmarnock District

Kilmarnock District presidency from left, George N. Kerr, 1C; Pres. Ronald F. Lovell Harold Wilde, 2C and clerk.



★ Ronald F. Lovell, Kilmarnock District president, has served in all organisations of the Church except, Primary. During his 18 years of membership he has seen many changes and a great deal of growth since the days of the original British Mission.

He served in Sunday School in the Glasgow Branch before being appointed branch president. Since then he has served as mission Sunday School superintendent before being named district president.

Pres. Lovell is a talented man. He is constantly writing plays, songs and poetry for roadshows or any special programmes that come along. He has written words to many songs and has published a booklet called "Heart Stirrings" which is a selection of poems he has written.

George N. Kerr, first counselor in the district presidency, was baptised on 6th October 1964. He served in numerous positions in the branch and district.



Harold Wilde, counselor in district presidency; Rachel Wilde, district Relief Society president and District Pres. Ronald Lovell at first Relief Society convention of Kilmarnock district.



District Relief Society officers, from left, Pres. Rachel Wilde, Moira Finnie, secretary.

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Presently he is also a teacher in Kilmarnock Branch YMMIA.

Harold Wilde joined the Church in August 1962. Presently second counselor in the district presidency, he has also served in other branch, district and mission positions, and is also the present priesthood leader in Stevenston Branch.

The Kilmarnock District is working towards a fully organised District Relief Society Board under the direction

of Rachel Wilde, president. Assisting her are Phillippa Denard, second counselor; Mary Finnie, secretary-treasurer; Marva Rydalch, Elizabeth Stubbington, Jean McWhirter and Kathleen Slough, board members.

Each of the six branches has a Relief Society and all are endeavouring to carry out the full programme. Though this is a widely scattered district the sisters have enjoyed meeting together for socials and conventions.



District Relief Society sisters with their prize cake at Visiting Teachers Convention held in Edinburgh. Elizabeth Stubbington Rachel Wilde, Margaret Cox, Norma Campbell, Marva Rydalch Eileen Hardcastle.



Kilmarnock District branch presidencies, from left, Pres. Henry Slaugh, Dumfries Branch; John McLean, Kilmarnock Branch clerk; Pres. David Olson, Stevenston; Peter Denard. 1C, Dumfries; William A. Tait, 1C, Stevenston; Pres. John L. Raeburn, Kilmarnock; Pres. Nyal Rydolch, Greenock; George N. Kerr, 1C, Kilmarnock. Greenock Branch Chapel.



Greenock Branch Chapel.

Enthusiasm Spirit, Determination

★ The ground breaking services that began the construction of the Greenock Chapel were held during a pouring rain storm on Dec. 16, 1964. The newly-turned earth in the garden site of what was once an old Georgian mansion was the beginning of the fulfillment of the hopes and desires of the small group of Saints gathered there that day.

Pres. and Sister David B. Haight of the Scottish Mission, along with Branch Pres. Edward McLachlan, his wife Mary, John and Rose McFadden, Alexander and Mary Straiton, William and Betty Boyd and John Joyce were among those who witnessed the beginning of the beautiful building.

The Saints of the Greenock Branch had waited for three years to begin their chapel and now the time was here. With enthusiasm, spirit and determination the work began.

First the site had to be cleared of trees. The Relief Society Sisters had the job of clearing the smaller trees and undergrowth. A fire was kept going for months burning trees and refuse. It served a double purpose when the rain was heavy and the weather cold, keeping the workers warm.

Elder Merlin J. Fish from Arizona, USA, came to supervise the work after about two months and a crane and mechanical digger was employed to speed up the work. A burn ran through the property which had to be piped in and the machinery gave the workers a welcome relief from handling the large pipes in the freezing water.

Members and missionaries helped as the work progressed. Sometimes members came from other branches to assist. They had a good time working together, shuttering, pouring concrete, putting scaffolds up and helping the brick-

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layers. Although there were many problems, backaches and heartaches, their determination carried them through.

Working together to build the chapel created a unity in the branch that has seldom been equalled and brought them to the happy day of May 15, 1966, when the opening of the new Church of Jesus Christ of Later-day Saints at Fox and Union Streets was held. It was the fifteenth building to be constructed in Scotland and has since been the pride of the members of the Greenock Branch.

William Boyd said, "I have seen our Church grow right from that first December day into a beautiful building admired by everyone. We've had our ups and downs, but I'm sure everyone who worked on the building left a little bit of themselves in it."



Greenock Branch Relief Society presidency, front, Margaret O. Lynch, secy.; Sheila F. Hotchkiss, president; back, Jane C. Currie and Annie P. McCann, counselors.



MIA officers; Marva D. Rydalch, YW president; Douglas Stewart, 2nd Asst. YM; Barbara Hall, YW secretary; Nyal H. Rydalch, YM superintendent.



★ Walter Bloy, Kilmarnock District Sunday School superintendent, joined the Church six years ago. Prior to his present assignment he was president of the Ayr Branch. He began his Church service before being baptised by helping with the construction of the Ayr Chapel.

★ Margaret Burns, Kilmarnock District Primary president, was baptised in Nov. 1964. She has served the Primary, Relief Society, and YWMIA on the branch level.

Norma Cambell is her counselor; Eileen Hardcastle, the secretary with Ann Bloy as In Service leader.

District Primary presidency, from left, Ann Bloy, 1C; Pres. Margaret Burns, Norma Campbell, 2C.



Visitor's Centre Established In Heart Of Edinburgh

Visitor's Centres throughout the world beckon to those who are not of our faith, as well as those who are already members. Such centres and displays help keep the correct information before the public.

These centres, located at the temples and other sites, help missionaries contact persons interested in hearing of the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. This great message is unfolded to the visitor through pictures, music and the "spoken word."

The Scottish Mission Visitor's Centre in Edinburgh has been established through the foresight of a visionary mission president, and is fast becoming a most effective missionary tool. Located on a street soon to be made a Historical site because of the unique architecture, on Hillside Crescent, just off London Road, the centre is only minutes away from the famed Prince's Street.

Approaching the building a sign bids a hearty welcome. Once passed the portals colourful paintings of Moroni delivering the plates to Joseph Smith; Mormon writing his abridgement of the ancient records given to him as a trust, and a large mural of Christ ordaining the twelve apostles, are seen. At the information desk those interested may purchase a copy of the Book of Mormon and sign the guest book. People who desire may leave their name and address for missionaries to call by their home to explain further the Gospel message.

Across from this desk a passageway leads to a large room where several

paintings are hung. Busts of the three witnesses, Emma Smith and the Prophet respectively face from opposite walls. The paintings depict the "signs of the true Church" and Christ's visit to the American Continent after His resurrection and ascension into the heavens. The busts are coupled with the recorded testimonies of the divinity of the Book of Mormon. A speaker from behind each bust gives the effect of the person speaking for himself.

In front of this display and attached to the ceiling is a screen which can be lowered to show the selected film of the day. The seating arrangement permits easy access to all of the portraits, and yet gives the viewer a clear picture of the film being shown on the suspended screen.

The final display is a large cabinet containing copies of the Book of Mormon, written in Aramic, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, etc, showing that the Book of Mormon is a scripture volume for all the people of the world who will listen, read and pray about its message.



Missionaries register visitors and distribute literature to persons interested as they tour Edinburgh Visitors Centre.



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Visitors see busts and hear recording of testimonies of the Prophet Joseph Smith,
Emma, his wife and the three witnesses.

Recipes From The

RECIPES OF ELVA M. BROWN

Wife of the Scottish Mission President

★ Sister Brown's hobby is cooking and she enjoys collecting new recipes. The Browns come from a very warm climate so salads are often served in their home. These are particularly delicious and favorites of their family. The "quick" breads are typical American and nice to serve with a hot drink after Church or for any snack.

CHICKEN SALAD (serves 10)

- 1 package lemon jelly
- 1 cup (8 oz.) boiling water
- 1 cup (8 oz.) chopped celery
- 1 cup (8 oz.) chopped apple
- 1 tablespoon grated onion
- 2 tablespoons green pepper (optional)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup (4 oz.) pecans (or walnuts)
- 1 3 oz. package Philadelphia cream cheese
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup whipped cream
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup mayonnaise (or salad dressing)
- 2 cups (16 oz.) boiled chicken, cut into bite size pieces

Pour boiling water over jelly, cream cheese, and mayonnaise. Cool. Fold in chicken, vegetables and all ingredients, and last fold whipped cream into jelly and rest of mixture. Serve on a lettuce leaf with a hot yeast roll for luncheon.

DATE BREAD (Makes 1 large loaf)

- 1 cup dates
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 teaspoon soda
- Mix and let stand until cool. Cream together
- 1 rounded tablespoon shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg

Add to date mixture.

- 1 cup plain flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup nuts
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Bake in moderate oven 350 deg. for 30 minutes. Reduce heat to 325 deg. for 45 minutes to 1 hour.

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CARROT COOKIES

1 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
2 cups plain flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup nuts
2 teaspoons baking powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
2 cups grated carrots
1 tablespoon water
2 teaspoons vanilla

Mix all together and bake on greased baking sheet at 425 deg. for about 10 minutes.

Ice while still warm with :

2 cups icing sugar
1 tablespoon butter
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon lemon flavour
Enough orange juice to mix
Enough orange rind to taste

DATE BARS

3 well beaten eggs
1 cup sugar
1 cup plain flour
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups dates (cut up)
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup pecans (or walnuts)

Beat eggs with sugar until thick. Add sifted dry ingredients. Add dates vanilla and nuts. Bake about 30 minutes in 350 deg. oven. Cut in 1" x 4" bars. Roll in icing sugar while warm. (Makes 2 dozen).

KAUAI BANANA BREAD

(Makes two 1 lb. loaves)

Cream together:

2 cups sugar
1 cup shortening

Add:

6 ripe bananas
4 eggs

Sift 3 times:

- 2½ cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons baking soda

Blend wet and dry ingredients. DO NOT OVER MIX. Bake in a moderate oven. 350 deg. for 45 to 50 minutes.

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

- 1 cup margarine (½ lb.)
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- ¾ cup white granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2½ cups plain flour
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1-2 cups porridge oats
- 12 oz. chocolate chips

Cream together margarine and sugar and add eggs. Mix in water and vanilla, then add the rest of the ingredients. Bake at 375 deg for about 10-15 minutes on an ungreased baking sheet.

CRANBERRY BREAD

(Pretty and good for Christmas Holidays) Makes 1 loaf

- 2 cups plain flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup sugar
- Juice and grated rind of 1 orange
- 2 tablespoons shortening
- Boiling water
- 1 egg (beaten)
- 1 cup raw cranberries
- ½ cup nuts

Sift together dry ingredients. To grated rind and juice of orange, add shortening and enough boiling water to make ¾ cup liquid. Add with 1 beaten egg to dry ingredients. Add cranberries and nuts. Bake at 325 deg. for one hour.

President Brown

Two Most Frequent Questions Asked

by President Hugh B. Brown

★ Two of the most frequent questions asked of us as we travel are, "What is your creed?" and "What distinguishes your Church from others?"

We do not have a written creed in the usual sense of the word. However, we do have a concise and authoritative statement of the beliefs of the Latter-day Saints given by the Prophet Joseph Smith, in the early days of the Church, known as the Articles of Faith. In that statement we declare our faith in God the Father, in Jesus Christ His Son, and in the Holy Ghost; known generally as the Holy Trinity. We declare our conviction that men will be held accountable for their own sins and will not be answerable for the sins of others, that there are certain principles and ordinances that must be believed and observed by those who would gain salvation, and that those principles and ordinances must be taught and administered by men who have authority in the apostolic Church as organized in the Meridian of Time, of which Jesus Christ was, and is, the chief cornerstone.

In this declaration we affirm our faith in the atonement of Christ and its universal applicability. We believe that He will come again, that there will be a thousand years of universal peace. We make the statement that we believe in sacred scriptures, ancient and modern; that we believe that men are en-

titled to freedom of religious belief. We honour and sustain the laws of the land. We commit ourselves to Christ's standard of moral conduct, and service based on love of God and of fellow men.

Cites Ninth Article

As many sermons have been preached and much has been written on each of these articles, I shall not elucidate, but I should like to refer for a moment to the ninth Article of Faith.

"We believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God."

This simple and forthright statement of faith in revelation has elicited the criticism of some of our friends, because it includes past, current, and future revelation. Many other churches profess belief in the revelations recorded in the Bible, but they do not believe that God still reveals His will through chosen prophets on the earth.

Communication Lines Open

We declare that the line of communication between heaven and earth is open, and operating, as anciently. We believe that revelation is continuous and expedient, and is suited to the times in which it is given. When we make that statement, it follows that we believe in scriptures other than the Holy Bible, because divine revelation is the word of God, and His word is scripture. We

unequivocally declare our faith in the Bible as the word of God, and we specify the King James version thereof.

Our acceptance of other revelation does not diminish our faith in the Old and New Testaments. On the contrary, our belief in the Bible is strengthened and our understanding of it clarified by these new corroborative revelations.

Among the volumes of scripture in which we believe, the one most frequently referred to by friends and critics is the Book of Mormon. It has the largest circulation and has elicited more comment during the past century, favorable and otherwise, than any other modern book.

This book is an inspired text, having been written by various prophets who lived in America at the times of which they write. It is a sacred record of the ancient inhabitants of America, covering in the main that portion of their history from about 600 B.C. to 400 A.D.

Plates Translated

Its message was inscribed on metallic plates by various authors. These writings were abridged by the Prophet Mormon, one of the last survivors of a dwindling race. It is therefore known as the Book of Mormon. He entrusted the plates to his son, Moroni, who was the last of the Nephite historians. Moroni deposited the plates in a stone box on a hillside and some fourteen hundred years later he, at that time a resurrected being, revealed their hiding place to Joseph Smith, the prophet, who translated what is said to be reformed Egyptian characters into English by the gift and power of God.

It is doubtless this element of the miraculous which disturbs many who hear of this record, causes some to shrug it off without further interest. It seems strange to us that believers in



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the Judeo-Christian Bible should be skeptical of the miraculous.

Miracles form an important part of the Old and the New Testaments. The story of the earth life of Jesus of Nazareth continues to grip the hearts and intrigue the minds of men, largely because of the miracles of His birth, the almost daily miracles He performed during His ministry, and the transcendent miracle of His resurrection and ascension. Moreover, He left His apostles and disciples with a promise of a miraculous reappearance in the last days. Paraphrasing the Apostle Paul we ask, "Why should it be thought a thing incredible that God should reveal His will to His servants, the prophets, as He promised to do."

Popular—Appealing

One remarkable fact about this book is its continued popularity and appeal. One hundred thirty years after the first edition was published, it is still a best seller, over thirty-five thousand copies

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being printed in English each year, and other thousands distributed in the twenty-seven different languages into which it has been translated. Nearly three million copies of this book have been distributed in almost all countries of the world in the last century.

Yes, we do believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God, and we believe in the miraculous that was involved in its preservation and production. There have been many who have sought to discredit it, many things have been written against it, but more recent times some of our friends who have made a careful study of the book have made statements which are significant. I shall refer to one or two taken from a little book called, *The Book of Mormon Message and Evidences* by Dr. Franklin S. Harris, Jr. Charles H. Hull, professor of American history in Cornell University wrote:

"I am perfectly willing to say to anyone that I suppose the Book of Mormon to be one of the most famous and widely discussed books ever published in America."

Says a Rochester newspaper, "The book itself remains on which was founded the greatest religion of the continent and the century. It was not the book itself, but the wonderful influence it has on America that counted."

And a former Secretary of Agriculture, who had read the book carefully said, "Of all the American books of the nineteenth century, it seems probable that the Book of Mormon was the most powerful. It reached perhaps only one percent of the United States, but has affected this one percent so powerfully and lastingly that all the people of the United States have been affected, especially by its contribution in opening one of our great frontiers."

Solemn Declaration

Now, our declaration regarding the Book of Mormon is a solemn one. If it is false, it is almost blasphemous. If it is true, then all who believe it are under a solemn obligation to its author to proclaim its truth.

One of the prophets of that book emphasized this fact in the following words, and I read from Second Nephi:

"Wherefore, how great the importance to make these things known unto the inhabitants of the earth, that they may know that there is no flesh that can dwell in the presence of God, save it be through the merits, and mercy, and grace of the Holy Messiah, who layeth down his life according to the flesh, and taketh it again by the power of the Spirit, that he may bring to pass the resurrection of the dead, being the first that should rise." (2 Nephi 2:8.)



And further in his same book, after reciting the miraculous events in the history of the Israelites, he said,

" . . . I say unto you, that as these things are true, and as the Lord God liveth, there is none other name given under heaven save it be this Jesus Christ, of which I have spoken, whereby man can be saved." (Ibid., 25:20.)

Same Message To All

It is the message of the Book of

Mormon that has caused people from almost all nations of the earth to accept it as the word of God. Its inspiring theme and divine message, from the title page to the last chapter, constitutes the testimony or witness of a whole nation of people that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, the Creator of the world, the Redeemer of mankind. It bears witness to the efficacy of the atonement, of its universal application and its value to all individuals who will accept His word and keep His commandments.

We urge our friends to examine the

book itself, to check its claims, listen to its message and to feel of its spirit. Yes, we believe in continued revelation, ancient, continuous, current, and future.

I wish to bear my testimony that the Church today, the kingdom of God, is being led by revelation. God is not the author of confusion. He does not work in dark places. He makes it known to the world when He appoints a prophet, and I testify that I know as I know I live, that this Church today is guided by prophecy and by revelation, and that these men whom we honour are prophets of God.



Edinburgh Castle.

President Smith

Baptism Of The Spirit Essential

By President Joseph Fielding Smith

★ Each individual who enters the waters of baptism makes a covenant with the Lord.

"And again, by way of commandment to the church concerning the manner of baptism—All those who humble themselves before God, and desire to be baptised, and come forth with broken hearts and contrite spirits, and witness before the Church that they have truly repented of all their sins, shall be received by baptism into his church." (D&C 20:37.)

Baptism into the Church is not enough to save us. It is for the remission of sins, that is true, but there is another baptism which is just as essential, and that is the baptism of the spirit, or the bestowal of the gift of the Holy Ghost. After we are baptised, we are confirmed. What is that confirmation for? To make us companions with the Holy Ghost; to have the privilege of the guidance of the third member of the Godhead — companionship, that our minds might be enlightened, that we might be quickened by the Holy Spirit to seek for knowledge and understanding concerning all that pertains to our exaltation in the Kingdom of God.

Take Heed, Pray Always

In this same revelation the Lord said:

"And we know that justification through the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is just and true;

"And we know also, that sanctification through the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is just and true,

to all those who love and serve God with all their mights, minds, and strength.

"But there is a possibility that man may fall from grace and depart from the living God;

"Therefore let the church take heed and pray always, lest they fall into temptation;

"Yea, and even let those who are sanctified take heed also." (Ibid., 20:30-34.)

Baptism and confirmation into the Church do not necessarily insure our exaltation in the kingdom of God. They do, provided we are true and faithful to every covenant and obligation required of us in the commandments of our Eternal Father. It is he who endures to the end that will be saved, and there is a danger that confronts us through the temptations of the adversary if we yield to those temptations that we may lose it all. The greatest punishment that can come to any individual in this world is punishment that will come to those who have received the light and truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who have passed through the waters of baptism, who have hands laid upon their heads for the gift of the Holy Ghost, and then turn away from the truth, for the Lord will not hold them guiltless.

Son of Perdition

I think I am safe in saying that no man can become a Son of Perdition until he has known the light. Those



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who have never received the light are not to become Sons of Perdition They will be punished if they rebel against God. They will have to pay the price of their sinning, but it is only those who have the light through the priesthood and through the power of God and through their membership in the Church who will be banished forever from His influence into outer darkness to dwell with the devil and his angels. That is a punishment that will not come to those who have never known the truth. Bad as they may suffer, and awful as their punishment may be, they are not among that group which is to suffer the eternal death and banishment from all influence concerning the power of God.

It is my judgment that there are many members of this Church who have been baptised for the remission of their sins, who have had hands laid upon their heads for the gift of the Holy Ghost, who have never received

that gift, that is, the manifestations of it. Why? Because they never put themselves in order to receive these manifestations. They never humbled themselves. They have never taken the steps that would prepare them for the companionship of the Holy Ghost. Therefore they go through life without that knowledge, and they have not the understanding. Therefore when those cunning and crafty in their deceit come to them, they disturb them in their faith, if they have faith left. They criticize the Authorities of the Church. They criticize the doctrines of the Church, and these weak members do not have understanding enough, information enough, and enough of the guidance of the Spirit of the Lord to resist the false doctrines and teachings of those who come to them, the wolves in sheep's clothing, and they listen to them, and think that perhaps after all they have made a mistake, and first thing you know they find their way out of the Church, because they do not have understanding.

Evil Influences

I get letters frequently from people, members of this Church, who have been disturbed principally by two organizations which seem to have dedicated their lives to the destruction of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. These people go into the homes of our weak members, disturb them in their faith, get them all riled up, and they do not know whether they did the right thing when they were baptised or whether they did not; but if they had lived as they should and had received the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they would not be moved. They would not be influenced by the false teachings and false statements regarding our doctrines that these people present to them.

The Gospel is simple. There is nothing

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ing difficult about it. There are mysteries, no doubt. We do not need to bother about the mysteries, but the simple things pertaining to our salvation and exaltation we can understand.

Let me refer to another passage of scripture.

"But ye are commanded in all things to ask of God, who giveth liberally; and that which the Spirit testifies unto you even so I would that ye should do in all holiness of heart, walking uprightly before me, considering the end of your salvation, doing all things with prayer and thanksgiving, that ye may not be seduced by evil spirits, or doctrines of devils, or the commandments of men; for some are of men, and others of devils." (Ibid., 46:7.)

So the Lord has given us a warning.

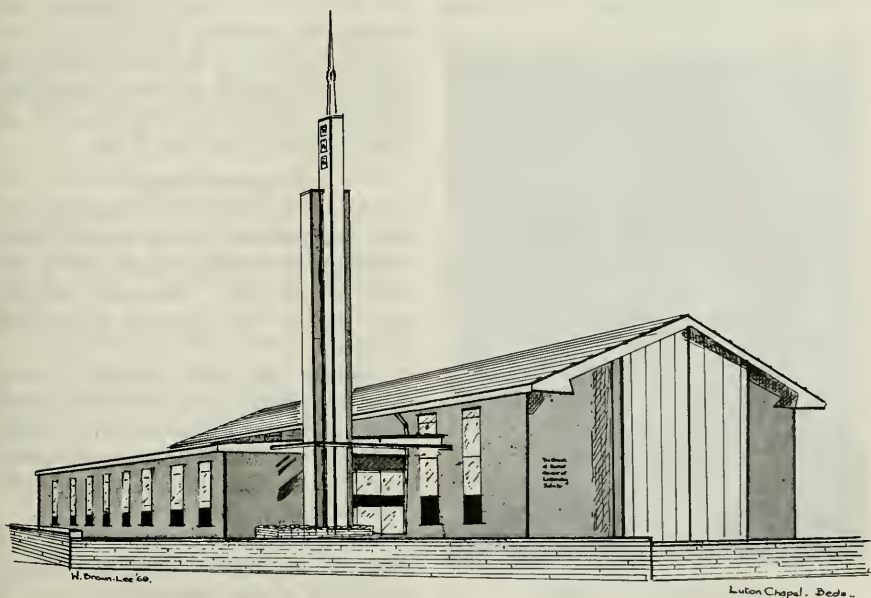
"Wherefore, beware lest ye are deceived; and that ye may not be deceived seek ye earnestly the best gifts, always

remembering for what they are given;

"For verily I say unto you, they are given for the benefit of those who love me and keep all my commandments, and him that seeketh so to do; that all may be benefited that seek or that ask of me, that ask and not for a sign that they may consume it upon their lusts.

"And again, verily I say unto you, I would that ye should always remember, and always retain in your minds what those gifts are, that are given unto the church." (Ibid., 46: 8-10.)

The Lord would give us gifts. He will quicken our minds. He will give us knowledge that will clear up all difficulties, and put us in harmony with the commandments that He has given us, and which we can receive if we will only be true and faithful to every covenant and obligation pertaining to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Judge Not That Ye Be Not Judged

By Elder Milton R. Hunter

★ In his masterful discourse of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave a vital commandment which has been ignored almost universally by the human family. In many cases where it has not been ignored, it has been broken many times by most people.

I believe that we all want to do what is right—live near to the Lord—and so I would like to say a few words about the observance of this commandment.

"Judge not," Jesus commanded, "that ye be not judged." And then He gave this warning:

"For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what

measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." (Matthew 7:1-2.)

Throughout my life in mingling with many people of various religious denominations I have observed that as a rule it seems as if human beings like to gossip. We like to hear unsavory things about our neighbours and talk about each other. It seems that ofttimes we get a certain degree of satisfaction or even joy out of saying bad things about other people. We thoughtlessly and sometimes maliciously judge each other. We censure our associates sometimes unjustly, many times unkindly; and most of the time we speak without having the evidence to back up what we are saying. We seem to forget that James, the brother of the Lord, warned that the unbridled tongue is "full of deadly poison." (James 3:8.)

Do Not Gossip

I know that even sometimes people who are faithful in the Church pass judgment and condemnation on those with whom they associate without knowing the facts. Such is displeasing to God.

I know that many people's hearts have been broken and tears have been shed because of the unkind and perhaps untrue things that have been said about them and because of unjust judgments that we give of each other.

My conscience certainly tells me that I err at times. Sometimes I gossip and judge others, and when I do it I



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act unrighteously before the Lord. My heart tells me I would like to repent, I would like to overcome my weakness of gossiping and saying bad things about other people. I am sure that you feel the same as I do.

But one might say: "The man or the woman from whom I obtained this information is an honest man or woman and would not lie."

Just Wrong Information

Certainly honest and honorable people would not lie, but we should remember that they have to get their information through human senses and that human senses are not always a hundred percent reliable; for example, if an honest man were standing on a corner and another one on the opposite corner and two cars crashed in the street, the testimonies of these two men might vary, and rightly so. They saw the accident at different angles, and perhaps neither of them saw exactly what happened.

Recently one of the General Authorities said that he was interested at stake conferences to hear members of stake presidencies in the Sunday conference session tell some of the things that he had talked about the night before. And then the General Authority said, "Ofttimes I cannot recognise that I had talked on the subjects nor said the things that I was reported to have said."

Now certainly the General Authority was not accusing stake presidencies of being dishonest. I think he did not have that in mind at all, but this story illustrates the inadequacy of human senses.

Sometimes we sit in a congregation and listen to somebody speak. While he talks we think many of our own ideas as we hear many of the things he

is saying. As time passes we might confuse some of our own thoughts with some of the things the speaker said. Because of the inadequacy of human senses, Jesus Christ said, "in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established." (Matt. 18:16.)

Those Called To Judge

The saviour and the holy prophets have told us how to judge when it needs be that we judge, because oft-times we must judge. In fact many of you are called upon to be judges. It is your ecclesiastical responsibility to judge. But let me give the warning that with the same judgment that you judge, you shall be judged.

The Lord and the Prophet Joseph Smith understood human nature, knowing that we may be tempted to judge unjustly, and so the following is found in the Doctrine and Covenants:

"We have learned by sad experience that it is the nature and disposition of almost all men, as soon as they get a little authority, as they suppose, they will immediately begin to exercise unrighteous dominion. . . ."

And then this beautiful admonition was given us:

"No power or influence can or ought to be maintained by virtue of the priesthood only by persuasion, by long-suffering, by gentleness and meekness, and by love unfeigned;

"By kindness, and pure knowledge, which shall greatly enlarge the soul without hypocrisy, and without guile" (D&C 121:39, 41-42.)

As I have traveled throughout the Church and have observed those who have been called and set apart to be judges, it is my testimony that they have been guided in most cases by the pure love of Jesus Christ, by charity,

and so they have rendered righteous judgment.

Love Thy Neighbour

As I have suggested, the Saviour and the prophets have told us how to treat each other. The Master gave us the vital law known as the second great commandment: "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." (Mark 12: 31.)

If all of us would love our neighbours—would love all the people with whom we associate—as much as we love ourselves, we would do no unkind things to them. We would not say any harsh or unkind words to them. We would not repeat any bad gossip about them. But on the other hand, we would show forth love and compassion at all times. We would rejoice in their successes, and we would weep with them

in their sorrows. Under those conditions, a glorious spirit of brotherhood, love, and compassion would prevail.

The Saviour also gave us the famous Golden Rule: "... whatsoever ye would that man should do to you, do ye even so to them." (Matt. 7:12.)

Every time we hear something about somebody else, if we would stop and think before we repeated what we heard and take as our measuring rod the following: "Would I like to have somebody say that thing about me? Is it just? Is it fair? would it make the person involved happier if I should repeat it? Would it make him progress? Would it add to the beauty and the joy of life?" And if it will not meet these measurements, then our judgment would not be righteous if we should repeat what we heard. It is best under these conditions that we keep quiet.

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Elder McConkie

Comparison Of Many Points

By Elder Bruce R. McConkie

★ May I invite your attention to a comparison between The Church of Jesus Christ, as it was organised and perfected in New Testament times, and the self-styled Christian churches that exist in the world today? In order to do so I shall take the liberty of raising a number of queries, and shall assume that each of us has sufficient working knowledge of the New Testament to recognize the basis upon which each query rests.

Where in the world today will we find a church that has as its official title some combination of the names of Christ, according to the New Testament pattern?

Where is there a church whose ministers claim divine authority in the real, complete, and actual sense that it was claimed by the ministers among the primitive Saints?

Where is there a church which claims the Melchizedek and Aaronic orders of the priesthood as these were had anciently?

Where is there a church in which we will find the ordinances practised that were practised among the primitive Saints?

Where do we find baptism by immersion for the remission of sins performed under the hands of a legal administrator?

Where do we find a people who lay hands on the head of every baptised convert for the present bestowal of the Holy Ghost; or who, when there are sick among them, call in the elders of the Church, that they may anoint them with oil and pray over them, that the



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prayer of faith may heal the sick and God may raise them up?

Where is there a people that has the New Testament ordinance of baptism for the dead?

Where is there a church that has the same organisation that existed among the primitive Saints, that has Apostles and prophets, pastors, evangelists, and all the rest?

Where is there a people that believes that there should be Twelve Apostles holding the keys of the kingdom, presiding over and directing all of the affairs of the Church and kingdom, and that such group should continue until there is a unity of the faith?

Where is there a church that believes that God has set some in the Church, first Apostles, secondarily prophets,

thirdly teachers; after that miracles; then gifts of the spirit, healings, tongues, helps, and governments?

Where is there a Church that professes to have all of the doctrines that were taught in New Testament times; that believes that God our heavenly Father is a personal being, in whose image man is created; that has an understanding that Jesus Christ is His Only Begotten Son and is a Being in the express image of the person of the Father:

Where is there a people that has a real, intelligent, and scriptural understanding of the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ, that knows that because of that transcendent act all men will be raised in immortality and those who have believed and obeyed the Gospel law, both in immortality and unto eternal life?

Where is there a people that knows that the plan of salvation, based on the atoning sacrifice of Christ, consists in having faith in Christ, in repenting of one's sins, in being baptised under the hands of a legal administrator, in receiving the gift and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and then in enduring in righteousness unto the end?

Where is there a church that believes that the Gospel is preached to those in the spirit world, that they may live according to God in the spirit, and be judged according to men in the flesh?

Where is there a people that believes in the literal resurrection from the grave, in the fact that all men will stand before the judgment bar of Christ, and having been judged according to the deeds done in the flesh, will be awarded a place in a kingdom of glory, in either a telestial, a terrestrial, or a celestial kingdom?

Where is there a people that believes that between the first and second comings of Christ, there was to be a

complete, total, universal falling away from the faith once delivered to the Saints?

Where is there a people that believes that in the last days there was to be an era of restoration, a time of restitution, in which God would give again all things that He had spoken by the mouths of all His holy prophets since the world began?

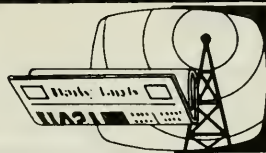
Where is there a people that believes that this restoration of the Gospel was to be effected by angelic ministration, and that the Gospel so restored was then to be carried to all the peoples of the earth?

Where is there a people that believes that in a day subsequent to New Testament times, the kingdom was to be restored to Israel and the scattered remnants of that people gathered back to the lands of their inheritance?

Where is there a people that actually believes that signs will follow those who accept and obey the Gospel law, that professes to have among the membership of the church the working of miracles, the ministering angels, the gifts of the Spirit, and all the powers and graces that were had anciently?

Now we might multiply questions on all of these matters, but I submit to you that every essential, identifying characteristic of the New Testament Church can, with intelligence and propriety, be outlined under one of these six hands: name, authority, organisation, doctrines, and gifts of the Spirit. And I submit further that there is only one Church in all the world that so much as claims to have every essential identifying characteristic of the Church organised and perfected by Christ and his Apostles anciently, and that one Church is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

NEWS



SCOTTISH MISSION

★ A Burn's Supper was held on 24th January in the cultural hall of the ABERDEEN Branch. Over a hundred guests attended including Pres. and guests attended including Pres. Alastair Smith, a counselor in the mission presidency and Sister Smith.

The Haggis was piped in by a piper from the Queen's Own Highland Division. Pres. William S. Black was in charge of the proceedings, and the address to the Haggis was made by Brother James Dunlop from New Zealand. The Selkirk Grace was by Pres. Dhewan Duthie and the Immortal Memory by Isobel Coull. A toast to the Lassies was proposed by Pres. Tommy Thompson and the reply given by Moria Kemp.

★ The following letter has been received from the Scottish Mission:

On the 11th January, in the Edinburgh Chapel, a dinner and presentation of medals was held to celebrate the winning of the Mark E. Petersen Cup by the Scottish Mission football team. Pres. Brown, Mission president, presented the trophy and medals to the players. A thoroughly enjoyable evening started with a fine meal provided and served by Mission MIA officers. Speeches followed praising the efforts of players and officials and the evening was well rounded off with an entertaining social.

During its successful run the team defeated Glasgow Stake (holders 4-1, Manchester Stake 6-1, received a bye in the semi-final, and the final held in Manchester on 14th December, defeated the South West British Mission 1-0.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank the following: Our opponents in each round for the thoroughly enjoyable games we had with them. Our four officials for their enthusiastic support—for the many miles and awkward hours they travelled on our behalf—Harry McGibbon, Selkirk; Dennis Clancy Dundee; William Black and Patrick McRae, both of Aberdeen. These brethren have responsible positions in the Church but still found time to give that extra mile. To all who supported us through each round and especially to our supporters who travelled to Manchester for the final.

The final itself exemplified all that is good in the game of soccer. It was skilful, hard, exciting and played in a highly sporting manner. Both sides had ample chances to win, but the only goal of the game was scored by Angus Thomson of Dundee. The outstanding memory, however, is the gracious and dignified sportsmanship shown by the S.W. British Mission team when applauding the Scots lads into the pavilion; although they were obviously disappointed at the result. This made a deep impression with the Scots players and supporters.

Our gratitude also to the organizers of the tournament and to Bro. and Sis. Weightman for their kind hospitality while in Manchester.

Finally, as captain of the Scottish Mission team, I would like to thank our players for the fine spirit that prevailed throughout and for their individual enthusiasm, without which we could not have come through successfully in all aspects of the game. It was a pleasure to play alongside such fine young

and some not so young men.

Yours faithfully,
David G. C. Burns,
Edinburgh Branch President

★ Elder Tommy Snee was given a welcome return to the Dundee Branch on his return from a two year proselyting mission on Jan. 12th. He is working with the Aaronic Priesthood in the branch.



★ The two Dundee branches cooperated to produce a Burn's Supper on Feb. 1st, in aid of the PERTH Branch building fund. (A chapel is to be built there later this year.)

Approximately 120 attended, twenty-five percent being nonmembers. Lottie Ross addressed the Haggis which was piped in by Mr. Wilkie, a friend of the branch. The grand finale was a stage show produced and directed by Sister Clancy in which Tom O'Rourke sang "A Man's a man for a' that."

★ The KILMARNOCK Branch held their Burn's Supper on Jan. 25th, the poet's birthday. Members from AYR and STEVENSON were invited to attend and about 70 people gathered to pay tribute to Scotland's National Bard.

Arthur Ritchie of Stevenson, gave the address to the Haggis, which was then eaten with the traditional "neeps and tatties" Mary Reid of Kilmarnock gave "The Immortal Memory" in which she spoke highly of Burns fine qualities and his deep understanding of life and our need to be considerate of one another. Many songs, poems, and other contributions were given from Burns' works during the very enjoyable evening.

BRITISH MISSION

★ On January 20th, GORLESTON Branch held a dinner and dance at the Imperial Hotel for members and their friends. Fifty-one attended this very delightful evening and their ages ranged from 12 to 80.

Two popular members of the branch Bro. and Sis. Keith Shaw, bought a donkey for their children, Karen, Mark



Sister Shaw with new pet of the Shaw family, Angelina.

and Martin. It lives in the summer house in their garden and causes lots of curiosity. The donkey, whom they call Angelina, is expecting a happy event about Springtime, now everyone is anxiously waiting for the great day.

Keeping a donkey as a pet often has hilarious results, she often trots into the house if the door is left open. One day she went into the hall, slipped, and ended up jammed near the back door and help was needed to move her. After an urgent phone call to Brother Shaw all ended well.

★ The ESSEX District Sweetheart Ball this year was organized by the Young Marrieds of SOUTHEND Branch, who decorated the Cultural Hall with hearts. Dancing was to the group "Free Spirit" who provided all types of music, and many prizes were given under the direction of the two comperes Clinton Lee and James Whitefield. Over 70 people attended and spent an enjoyable evening.

★ SOUTHEND BRANCH held an Appreciation Dance on Jan. 25th. There was no charge as it was a tribute to the work of the branch officers and teachers. Sixty members gathered for the party fun.

We understand that Neil Gahagan of Southend Branch, came 2nd. in the

South East Essex Schools Cross Country Championships this year. We offer him our congratulations.

★ CHELMSFORD Branch went Indian on Jan. 31st. Pres. Marion Freeman of the Y.W.M.I.A. prepared a curry buffet, but only 17 arrived to sample the excellent food and enjoy themselves square dancing. The district MIA leaders attended and District Pres. Harold W. Hunt led the dancing. The evening was a success and made a pleasant change, it also added £4. 10s. 0d to the branch budget.

IRISH MISSION

★ A large crowd filled the Hollywood Cultural Centre to enjoy the production of the M.I.A. Parent, Youth, Musical "Make Mine Happy". This was a fun packed play depicting the generation gap between parents and their children. The actors were sincere in interpreting their parts, and the cleaning ladies who changed the specially constructed scenery added fun and laughs.

The play was under the direction of the District Youth Activity Committee. Everyone went home a little happier and with a better understanding of the work of the branch officers and teachers problems of parents and youth.



Final scene of "Make Mine Happy at Hollywood Road Chapel, Belfast.

★ M.I.A. members both young and old met on News Year's Eve for an evening of dancing and fun. The party was held at Holywood Cultural Hall and from 9 to 10p.m. dancing to records was enjoyed, with the older members showing the younger ones the finer points of the waltz and the "two step." At 10p.m. a buffet luncheon was served, then at 11p.m. the dance band arrived. It was then the turn of the young folk to teach the oldsters the finer points of modern dancing. At midnight "Auld Lang Syne" was sung and Happy New Year greetings exchanged. Dancing then continued until 1 a.m. when late night transport was arranged to take everyone to their homes

LEEDS STAKE

★ The New year saw a change in the presidency of the East Leeds Branch, due to the fact that Pres. Kenneth Hewitt was moving to another part of the country. The new branch president is now Harry Keat, with Alan Bowden and Neville Oldham as counselors and Frank Kendall as branch clerk.

On Jan. 25th, 150 members and friends attended the East LEEDS Branch dinner, where they had a high old time with plenty to eat thanks to the Relief Society sisters' culinary skills. After dinner entertainment was pro-

vided through the many and varied talents of the local saints and their neighbours in the Leeds Ward.

★ HUDDERSFIELD Ward held their MIA Valentine Party on Feb. 13th, it was well attended and started with several games which everyone enjoyed. The refreshments were varied and included some mysterious "Love-potion Pasties", which added to the excitement. The party ended with dancing to records. No new romances were reported as a result of the party, but all the old ones appeared to be still in good order.

The ward recently became the proud owner of a new table-tennis table, which was made by Albert Kirk, from a donation by the Ward Elders Group.

Recent visitors to Huddersfield Ward were Mike and Christine Convey, and for Christine it was a trip home. She left the ward a little over four years ago for Zion, where she met and married Mike who is a company representative. Her sister Patricia is married to Bernard Fahey, a member of the ward bishopric.

★ We are glad to be able to report that Bishop Kenneth Bolton, formerly bishop of Dewsbury Ward and at present the Stake Y.M.M.I.A. supt. is



East Leeds Branch presidency, Pres. Harry Keat, seated; R. A. Bowden, left; N. Oldham and F. Kendall

making satisfactory progress following a recent heart attack.

★ DEWSBURY Ward held their first annual dinner on the last Saturday in January, organised by Robert Stevenson, Elders group leader. A hundred members enjoyed a splendid meal of chicken, roast and creamed potatoes, mushrooms, peas and delicious onion gravy, cooked by Arthur Gale and his assistants. The tables were decorated with beautiful centre pieces by May Bolton. The Huddersfield Elders Group acted as waiters, and after dinner entertainment was provided by some of the youth of the ward. Bishop Gordon Williams conducted a familiar "Take your Pick" programme, which had novelty prizes. Vivien Laycock received an assignment for a 2½ minute talk, and she still can't decide whether she won or lost! The programme ended with Pres. Harry Kilner of the 3rd Elders Quroum in very good form as a comedian.

★ HALIFAX Ward also held a dinner in grand style in January, organised by the Ward Building Committee in aid of the building fund. This was their first function for some time and the 50 members who attended were well rewarded for the £1 per plate donation.

★ It was a big night out at HUDDERSFIELD on Saturday, Feb. 15th, when the stake held it's roadshow. The productions were of the highest standard ever achieved, and with Leeds' reputation for excellence, that was quite something!

Seven of the thirteen units in the stake took part in the show, each depicting the theme which was "Reaching High", and that is just what the participants did. WAKEFIELD were pleasing

and entertaining in a cannibal island setting; DEWSBURY chose old China and eternal love to explain their interpretation of the theme. HUDDERSFIELD took to the air with a potted and sometimes comical history of man's upward reach through the skies to the moon; BRADFORDS Broadway-like production had about five of the six great Lamanite nations onstage at one time, or so it seemed, and it added up to the tops in entertainment. LEEDS Ward provided the laughs, which came regularly as Paul Whitehead portrayed Ugh, the brave cave man who not only killed all the prehistoric monsters, but solved the problem of how to get out of the ice-age. This young man deserves a special mention for his performance. EAST LEEDS warned about the perils of reaching for money instead of the eternal values of the Gospel and Eternal Marriage, which to some extent was also the treatment SHEFFIELD gave to their show, with well-made Bohemian costumes and two angels-one Irish-added as an extra treat.

Over 400 attended in spite of almost Arctic weather conditions, and they were well rewarded for their efforts.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ At the NEWCASTLE Ward Valentine Dance/Party, John Beattie was presented with a silver spoon mounted with figures for winning the men's Single Table-Tennis competition in M.I.A. The party was well attended and the games held in various rooms for rotating small groups were very successful.

Car-washing on Saturday mornings continues to do well, and at 2/6d. per wash, quite a few pounds have been made for the ward funds. Brother and Sister Prendergast have been instrumental in this and the young people of MIA have rallied behind them.



Cannock Branch social.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ Members of the Cannock Branch met recently for a party, and Sister Mudd decorated the hall with brightly coloured streamers and balloons to create the right atmosphere. The hall was soon filled with music and merriment as the members arrived. First there was a delicious tea served by the Relief Society, and afterwards the children were entertained with games led by Brother Mudd. The programme arranged by Brother Freeman, included songs from the Relief Society sisters, some skits and games performed by Elders Miller, Shaw, Burningham and Beecham. One was a guessing game involving the audience, in which the reward for a correct answer was a crazy foam pie in the face! Then the missionaries were put at the mercy of the members, and were commanded to do the twist and stand on their heads, among other things. To end the riotous evening everyone present joined in community singing.

★ The HEREFORD MIA held their annual Valentine's Dance on Feb. 14th, but this year chose a country and

western theme. Music was provided by Roy Bevan, a popular visitor to M.I.A. who also acted as M.C. Despite the liveliness of the dances, the festivities continued from 8 p.m. until midnight.

★ The indoor pitch events organised by the MIDLANDS WEST District at WORCESTER proved an outstanding success. Over seventy youth participated. KIDDERMINSTER Branch took the girl's netball and basketball honours; while WORCESTER won both the junior and senior five-a side soccer events, and the mens' basketball by only two points to nil after a very exciting tussle with Hereford. HEREFORD were successful in the Volleyball Tournament though, and also made a clean sweep of the table tennis when Bob Edden won the mens' singles, and Bob and Graham Burton took the mens' doubles. Heather Matthews had a walkover in the ladies events.

★ A happy group of saints and three investigators, enjoyed the festivities at the HEREFORD Relief Society Pancake Party. After several games, designed to quicken the wits, and appetites of all

present, pancakes ably cooked by Myra Burton, Hilda Jones and Pamela Maklin were devoured with suitable comments of appreciation. Geoffrey Boucher was seen deftly tossing some pancakes.

★ The first Visiting Teachers Convention, held in each district of the mission under the direction of the Mission Relief Society presidency, have just been completed.

The theme "Take Time To Show Love", featured "Minutes of Relection", "Moments for Messages", and the film "Unto the Least of These" and "Sharing Our Love". Each sister who attended received a visiting teachers diary entitled "Truths to live by" which contained messages, space for notes and planning dates for visits each month.

The conventions were well received and helped to foster a greater understanding of the callings as a Visiting

Teacher. Because of the appreciation expressed by the Relief Society presidencies, the visiting teachers and the priesthood advisors, it is hoped to make these conventions an annual event in the mission.

In the social hour which followed immediately after the presentations, each district Relief Society presidency provided refreshments, consisting of home made savouries and sweets.

★ On Jan. 1st, the BEDFORD Relief Society sisters and their families enjoyed a New Year Day buffet at the home of Brother and Sister Gibbons. Entertainment consisted of folk songs, games and a programme of Scottish songs and dances.

They also recently presented the branch president with £44 - 10 - 0d. for the branch building fund. This amount was raised by making sandwiches and



New group of "Mission-Aires" of Central British Mission.

sweets, which were sold to the men at R.A.F. Chicksands, over the Christmas and New Years Holiday Season.

★ Pres. and Sister George I. Cannon were hosts to leaders of the mission and the Leicester Stake and their wives on Friday 21st Feb., for an informal social evening at the mission home, to introduce the new "Mission-Aires". The group of 8 missionaries was reorganised in January, and they have been working very hard since then preparing a repertoire which includes, hymns, folk songs, negro spirituals, popular songs and ballads. Whereas before they only had guitars as accompaniment, they now have piano, double bass and guitar.

From past experience, the mission has found the services of the Mission-Aires invaluable at their Open Houses and Telerama programmes. Many people have been attracted to the Church through their music. For 5 days a week they work as ordinary missionaries in the Birmingham area, but at the weekends they have been travelling to other branches in the mission and wards in the stake to help with their new programme the "Finda Member Week". They sing in the streets and at the socials on the last evening, also at non-church functions.

The main purpose of this informal gathering was to show just how the Mission-Aires could help the members, and how the members could make the necessary arrangements to help the Mission-Aires. All those present were greatly impressed by the high standard of the group and the wide variety of the programme. Unfortunately because of the fog and snow a number of the bishops and branch presidents were unable to attend but already the Mission-Aires are getting a full quota of bookings and their fame is spreading.

★ On 28th Feb., 150 people squeezed into the Mission Home for a fireside at which Elder John Longden, assistant to the Twelve, was the guest speaker. The Mission-Aires opened the programme with a selection of songs, and then Catrina Melbourne of the Stafford Branch gave a brief but interesting talk on her experiences in the Church. Adrian Thorpe from Rugby followed, his subject being "What the Gospel means to me". President Cannon then introduced Elder Longden, who spoke of his early days in the Church and his experiences in M.I.A. and as a bishop. When he had finished speaking he was persuaded to sing "Bless this House". The Mission-Aires sang "The Lord's Prayer" and then everyone joined in singing the Mission song. After ice cream the young people left for their homes.

★ Congratulations must also be offered to another schoolboy for his achievement in sport. This time to Wayne Cannon, son of President and Sister Cannon, who has represented both his school and the Warwickshire County in Rugby Football, and has now been chosen to play for the Midlands County Team. We wish him continued success.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ A dinner by candlelight was the WALSALL MIA's activity on Valentine's Day. The flickering candles reflected on the red and white tablecloths and decorations as the dinner of soup, turkey and apple pie was enjoyed. Afterwards there was dancing organised by Val Richards and Val Pittaway, while Mervyn Lewis was the M.C. Elizabeth Degville and Noreen Croguennec were responsible for activities in the kitchen.

★ Feb. 15th for the youth of the stake was their biggest social event of the

year, the Gold and Green Ball. The theme was Valentines Day, and hearts and flowers decorated the Stake Centre Cultural Hall. The young ladies in their lovely long evening dresses and their escorts also in formal attire made a glittering scene as they danced to the music of Eric Valentines Band. Over 300 attended. Once again it was a pleasure to see the 17-year-old girls being presented and receiving a flower from Pres. Rankin. During the interval entertainment was provided by the Leicester Folk Group.

★ A big event in the lives of the 9 to 12-year-old girls of the stake Primary and 1st year Beehive was their "Daddy-Daughter Date" which was a buffet dance at the stake house. The theme was "Moonlight and Roses," with paper roses and silver moons and nearly all the young girls in long dresses. Over 180 had fun watching the cabaret and dancing to the band after listening to a short talk from Gillian Sherrif of the Stake Primary Board. Bouquets of roses were presented to Stake Primary Pres. Kathleen Sullivan and Sister Isobel Cannon of the Central British Mission. The evening ended at 9.30 p.m. with the band playing "God Save the Queen".

★ In recent stake tournaments the

Nottingham Girls won the Netball finals after close contests with the Leicester and Birmingham teams. Leslie Steele, Carol Smith and Alan Searston, all from Nottingham took the Men's singles Ladies singles and under 16's respectively in the Table Tennis Tournament.

Birmingham Ward won the prized trophy for basketball this year, with three brothers playing in the team.

SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION

★ SOMERSET District Pres. Norman T. Woodhead and his wife Barbara gave a party for all members of the district in celebration of their Silver Wedding. Entertainment for the 70 guests included dancing, games and a small cabaret. The buffet was arranged by Pres. Woodhead and his son Peter, who is a chef. During the evening presentations were made to the happy couple from the branches and individuals; their three sons gave a large bouquet of roses.

★ Activities at WESTON-SUPER-MARE Branch recently included a Bring and Buy Sale in aid of the Branch Building Fund, it was organised by Enid Fulfit.

★ Primary children from the three branches of the Somerset District were



Birmingham Ward
basketball team,
Wayne, Grant and
George Cannon
David Mace, Bob Cot-
terill and Ron Baker.

invited to a party at YEOVIL on Jan. 4th. Forty-two children enjoyed a tea consisting of cakes, jellies and trifles, and then each one received a gift. The party was organised by the District Primary Pres., Margaret Allen and her counselors assisted by all the sisters in Yeovil. After the tea, games and competitions were provided and organised by Pres. Rowland Elvidge and Christopher Allen.

★ The Somerset District Aaronic Priesthood Committee arranged a special Sacrament Meeting at TAUNTON Jan. 19th, which was attended by Mission Pres. Rulon H. Bradshaw, and Sister Bradshaw.

The young members of the committee drew up the whole programme and made the assignments. Speakers included Nicholas Bridgwater (a deacon), Richard Fulfit (a teacher) and David O'Keefe, president of the committee. Pres. Bradshaw presented certificates of ordination and achievement. He also gave each Aaronic member the book "Aaronic Priesthood through the Ages" and was the concluding speaker.

★ About 30 people aged from 13 to 50 attended a Valentine Dance at the HARTLEY Chapel on Feb. 15th. The dancers were well prepared as they have been having lessons once or twice a week in both folk and modern dancing at the chapel since January. Refreshments were organised by the District M.I.A. and the proceeds are to go towards helping with the finances of those who travel to Bristol and Manchester for the sports finals.

★ Latest in the Saturday evening socials of the BOURNEMOUTH Branch was a "Fish and Chip Dance" organised by the MIA presidencies under the

leadership of Harry Leal. The intention was to cut down the work of preparation to a minimum, so instead of spending half the evening in the kitchen, the brothers and sisters sat down to a meal collected from the local 'chippy' and found the whole idea very enjoyable indeed.

Once the eating was complete—hardly a single chip remaining! and chairs and tables cleared away, the members thoroughly enjoyed themselves in the M.I.A. room, where some very lively dancing was performed to records organised by Ken Smith.

GLASGOW STAKE

★ Elder and Sister A. Ray Curtis of Salt Lake City were special guests as one hundred and fifty members of the stake gathered at Claremont Terrace in GLASGOW on Jan. 25th to enjoy a Burns' Supper.

The chairman of the supper was Pres. Arthur F. Herbertson. Samuel McCreadie piped in the Haggis, which was carried by Stake Patriarch, Samuel Mckim, who also gave the address to the Haggis. The dinner was served by the Relief Society Sisters of the Glasgow/Springburn Ward.

The "Immortal Memory" was proposed by Pres. David M. Porch, who interspersed his story of Burn's life with appropriate excerpts from his works. A toast to the "Lassies" was given by William Scott and replied to by Lassie Jean McLaren. "Tam O'Shanter" was recited by Tilly Clark.

Scotlands outstanding dancer, Victor Wesley, gave his interpretation of the "Sword Dance", and special musical selections were presented by Margaret Scott, Pres. and Sister Archibald Richardson, Dan Fernie and the Glasgow/Springburn Ward Choir.



Officers at Luton Stake Gold & Green Ball, from left, John and Marie Snell, Supt. Bill Sheppard and Sister Sheppard and Pauline Doggett, YWMIA president.

LONDON STAKE

★ On Jan. 24th, 20 young people gathered at South London Chapel for a "working party". Hot soup and french bread were served, and to the accompaniment of records the group enjoyed themselves decorating the cultural hall for the Stake Gold and Green Ball on Jan. 25th.

Theme of the ball was Grecian, around the Hall were white pillars twined with roses and draped with red hangings. The small tables were decorated

with centrepieces of white roses, and a lowered ceiling of white streamers helped to create a festive atmosphere.

Over 400 people from the stake and many parts of the surrounding missions attended. Everyone was warmly greeted at the door by Bill Sheppard, Stake supt. Y.M.M.I.A. and his wife, and Pauline Doggett, Stake Y.W.M.I.A. Pres.

The evening went with a swing under the direction of the M.C. Pres. Harold Hunt of the Essex District, and the music was excellently provided by the



Crowd at London Stake Gold-Green Ball.

Mole River Band. The organisers, John and Marie Snell of the Stake MIA, received many congratulations for an outstanding evening.

★ The Stake GLEMM Council (M-MEN-GLEANER council) organised a very successful Valentine Dance on Feb. 15th at the Hyde Park Chapel. The decorations were of hearts of every size and colour. Everyone was given a heart-shaped badge on which to put his or her name, and all the girls were given heart-shaped dance cards. James Ellis of the Croydon Branch acted as M.C. and part of the programme consisted of barn dancing led by Pauline Doggett.

The whole evening was planned by the Council under Evelyn Morton president, North London Branch and Frances Craven and Geoffrey Willmott, Stake Gleaner and M-Men Leaders.

★ Primary officers and teachers of the EPSOM Ward attended a dinner party at the home of Brother and Sister Ronald Davis recently. Highlight of the evening was the excellent meal, at a table gaily decorated with this year's Primary

theme "Communication". Afterwards everyone participated in games and a fancy hat parade and had a most memorable evening.

At the Ward Relief Society Bazaar, gaily decorated stalls displayed a wide variety of merchandise, and side shows, a hairdressers' salon and a cafe all helped to raise the magnificent sum of £90.

LUTON CHAPEL

★ Elder John Longden, Assistant to the Twelve, dedicated the Luton Ward Chapel, Feb. 17 and warned that moral standards in the world are being lowered as religious belief declines.

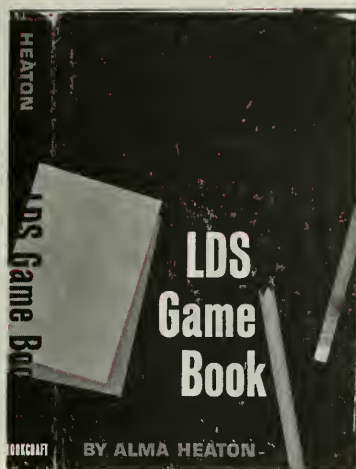
"The glamour of living dangerously is weakening moral standards. There is a decrease in religious belief and with it in the family as the basis of life, Elder Longden declared.

The mayor of Luton, Councillor Cyril Jephson congratulated the Mormons on completing their chapel. He said the prime need of present-day youth "is the steadying influence of the Church."

Stake Pres. Joseph Hamstead Jr., Patriarch Joseph W. Darling, former



At dedication of Luton Ward Chapel, from left, Bishop Monitor C. Noyce, Mrs. Ivj Jephson, the mayoress, Pres. J. W. Child, British South Mission, Councillor Cyril Jephson, the mayor; Elder John Longden and London Stake Pres. Joseph Hampstead Jr. (Courtesy Luton News)



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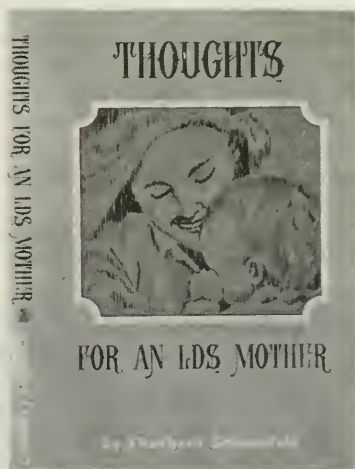
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president of the stake; Stanley G. Titmus, a stake missionary and formerly a counselor in the bishopric; Raymond Poole, a building missionary during construction of the chapel, each reflected upon experiences and lessons learned while building the chapel. Bishop Monitor C. Noyce asked members of the ward to rededicate themselves to living the Gospel and spreading its message.

The service was conducted by John R. Keen first counselor in the bishopric. John D. Hood, second counselor, offered the benediction. Mabel Hood was the pianist. Bishop Noyce accompanied the ward choir as it sang two special numbers directed by Charles Mitchell. Leslie A. Lloyd who applied the roof to the chapel gave the invocation.

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Luton Ward Choir congratulated by Elder John Longden and Bishop Noyce, left.
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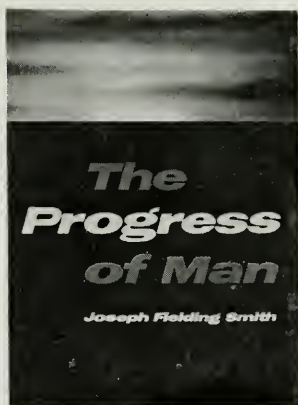
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★ Donna Turner Smith from Wilmette, Illinois, is involved in enough activities to keep most people in a state of frenzy. But not Donna—the quality that is most striking is her complete serenity. She is the wife of Morris Smith, a real estate representative for Shell Oil Company, mother of three daughters and one son, president of her Ward Relief Society and actively engaged in the demands of a concert career. She will be in England early in May to play several concerts for the benefit of the Church. She will perform in London, Reading, and Birmingham during her short stay.

Sister Smith began her career in California when she made her debut at the age of eight. At thirteen she soloed with the Pan-Pacific Women's Symphony. In 1947 she went to Chicago on a music scholarship to De Paul University and studied with Sergi Tarnowsky, the teacher of Horowitz. Later she moved to New York and studied under Muriel Kerr. Since then she has played with many major symphony orchestras in the United States, performing in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. She has been described as "an unusually gifted artist and one of the outstanding young American pianists playing today."

In 1967 she completed a successful European tour and was acclaimed by the critics wherever she performed. She gave concerts in London, Lucerne, Hamburg, and appeared on television. She received the Anda Buhrle Prize, awarded to the most outstanding performer of the Genza Anda Masters School while in Europe.

Donna Smith returns to the Continent this Spring to solo with the Lucerne



Symphony Orchestra and will play Church benefit concerts, as well, while she is in this part of the world.

Donna is an active, contributing member of the Church. Her music has been a special gift that she has shared in a Church capacity. She has not only played but has directed Church choirs as well. She was director of the choir at the dedicatory of the Oakland Temple in California.

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Work started on the chapel in 1963 and was completed in 1965. A "Help Dedicate" dinner, chaired by Sister Gladys H. Noyce, successfully raised the final funds last October needed to pay off the construction debt prior to dedication.

Sister Longden accompanied Elder Longden to the special services. Also present as special guests were Mayoress of Luton, Mrs. Jephson, Pres. J. W. Child of the British South Mission, Sis. Child, presidency of the Watford District of the BSM and high councilmen of the London Stake and their families.



As the Father hath power in Himself, so hath the Son power in Himself, to lay down His life and take it again, so He has a body of His own. The Son doeth what He hath seen the Father do: then the Father hath some day laid down His life and taken it again; so He has a body of His own; each one will be in His own body; and yet the sectarian world believe the body of the Son is identical with the Father's.

—Joseph Smith

